

**Department of Legislative Services**  
Maryland General Assembly  
2002 Session

**FISCAL NOTE**

House Bill 432 (Delegate Kagan)  
Commerce and Government Matters

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**Ethics - Registration as a "Regulated Lobbyist"**

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This bill raises the spending levels that determine when certain entities must register as a regulated lobbyist. An entity must register as a regulated lobbyist if, for the purposes of influencing any legislative action or executive action, the entity communicates with a member of the Legislative or Executive Branch and incurs expenses, exclusive of personal travel or subsistence, of \$500 and earns compensation of at least \$1,000.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** The bill's requirements could be handled with existing resources.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** Minimal.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** An entity must incur expenses, exclusive of personal travel or subsistence, of \$100 and earn compensation of at least \$500.

**Background:** Chapter 631 of 2001 enacted the recommendations contained in the November 2000 report of the Study Commission on Lobbyist Ethics, including the current law provisions on when an entity must register as a lobbyist.

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## **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

**Information Source(s):** State Ethics Commission, Department of Legislative Services

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