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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 20 (Delegate Conroy)
Economic Matters

Hotels - Use of Safe or Other Secure Depository - Fees

This bill prohibits a hotel from charging a fee to a guest for the use of a safe or other secure depository for valuables if the guest does not use the safe or secure depository.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill would not materially affect State operations or finances.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Current Law: Hotels are not prohibited from charging a fee to a guest for the use of a safe or other secure depository for valuables even if the guest does not use the safe or secure depository.

Background: A hotel is not liable for the loss of a valuable belonging to a guest if: (1) the hotel provides safe or secure depository; (2) the guest does not use the safe or secure depository; and (3) the loss is not the result of collusion or negligence of the hotel.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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