

Department of Legislative Services
Maryland General Assembly
2013 Session

FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 143 (Delegate O'Donnell)
Environmental Matters

Former Members of the General Assembly and Former Legislative Branch
Officials - Employment Restrictions

This bill prohibits members of the General Assembly who leave office *during* their terms of office from assisting or representing another party for compensation in a matter that is the subject of legislative action until the session that begins after the end of the terms of office for which they were elected. The bill also prohibits other specified officials of the Legislative Branch from engaging in such assistance or representation until the end of the next regular session that begins after the officials leave Legislative Branch employment. These prohibitions, however, do not apply to representation of a municipal corporation, county, or State governmental entity.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill does not materially affect State finances or operations.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Former members of the General Assembly may not assist or represent another party for compensation in a matter that is the subject of legislative action until the conclusion of the next regular session that begins after the members leave office. (Under the bill, this standard continues to apply for members who leave office at the end of their terms.) The prohibition does not apply to representation of a municipal corporation, county, or State governmental entity.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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