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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

Senate Bill 495
Rules

(Senator Pugh, *et al.*)

General Assembly Members - Business Communications as Private Citizens -
Notice

This bill authorizes specified members of the General Assembly to include the following statement in a “business communication”: “Please note that I am not acting in my capacity as a member of the Maryland General Assembly.”

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill does not substantively change State activities or operations.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Bill Summary: The bill’s provisions apply to a member of the General Assembly who is (1) self-employed; (2) a consultant to a business entity doing business in the State; or (3) an independent contractor who contracts with a business entity doing business in the State. A “business communication” is a communication that is written and relates to the occupation of a member of the General Assembly as a private citizen.

Current Law: Members of the General Assembly are neither prohibited nor required to include the specified statement in a business communication.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: HB 381 (Delegate Tarrant, *et al.*) - Environmental Matters.

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