

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 962 (Delegate Morgan)
Ways and Means

Horse Racing - Off-Track Facilities - County Approval

This bill requires that a simulcast horse racing facility be approved by the governing body of the county in which it is to be located before beginning operations.

The bill is effective October 1, 1996 and does not apply to facilities in operation before that date.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: This bill would not affect off-track betting facilities already in operation. However, to the extent that future facilities are not approved by county governments, horse racing tax revenues equal to .5% of the amount bet would be foregone.

Local Effect: None. Any expenses associated with the approval process could be absorbed with existing resources.

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