

Department of Fiscal Services  
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE  
Revised

House Bill 326 (Delegate Morhaim, et al.)  
Environmental Matters

Referred to Judicial Proceedings

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**Tobacco Products - Sales to Minors by Vending Machines and Penalties**

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This amended bill prohibits minors from purchasing or attempting to purchase tobacco products through vending machines. Any minor found in violation of this provision is subject to a \$50 fine. Penalties for selling cigarettes to minors through vending machines are explicitly made civil penalties, and are applicable to the proprietor of the establishment. A law enforcement officer authorized to make arrests shall issue a civil citation to a person if the officer believes the person is committing a violation of the provisions regarding the distribution of tobacco products to minors.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** Enforcement of these provisions could be handled with existing resources. Revenues could increase a minimal amount under the bill's penalty provisions.

**Local Effect:** Revenues could increase by a minimal amount under the bill's penalty provisions. No effect on expenditures.

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**Information Source(s):** Office of the Comptroller (Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Unit), Judiciary (Administrative Office of the Courts), Department of Fiscal Services

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