

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 327 (Senator Kelley)
Judicial Proceedings

Marriage Licenses - Domestic Violence - Warning

This bill requires that applications for marriage licenses contain a specified statement informing the parties of State law as it pertains to domestic and household violence and abuse.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None (see below).

Local Effect: None.

Fiscal Analysis

State Expenditures: The Administrative Office of the Courts advises that this bill would increase general fund expenditures by \$20,000 in fiscal 1997 only due to the cost of replacement marriage license applications.

The Department of Fiscal Services (DFS) recognizes that this bill would require new applications to be printed. However, given a 19% increase (\$33,100) in the fiscal 1997 budget allowance for clerks' (of circuit court) printing expenses (\$206,100), and the ability of the Judiciary to reallocate program resources, DFS believes that this printing need can be met with existing budgeted resources.

Information Source(s): Judiciary (Administrative Office of the Courts), Department of Fiscal Services

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