

Department of Fiscal Services  
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE  
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Senate Bill 418 (Senator Sfikas, et al.)  
Economic and Environmental Affairs

Referred to Environmental Matters

**Baltimore City - Incinerators - Authority to Prohibit**

This amended bill authorizes Baltimore City to prohibit the construction, replacement, and expansion of an incinerator in Baltimore City that was not operating as a resource recovery facility on January 1, 1996. The Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) must report to the General Assembly by January 1, 1999 on the impact of this legislation on the counties participating in the Northeast Waste Disposal Authority.

The bill sunsets September 30, 2000.

**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None. MDE could comply with the reporting requirement with existing budgeted resources.

**Local Effect:** Baltimore City has had a moratorium on incinerators since 1992; this moratorium was recently struck down by a circuit court decision. This legislation would allow Baltimore City to continue its prior policy. However, to the extent that Baltimore City uses this authority, future garbage disposal costs could rise if sufficient landfill space is not available.

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