

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 41 (Senator Trotter)
Judicial Proceedings

Drug Dealer Liability Act

This bill provides that a tenant of residential property who is injured by a person who distributed or dispensed a controlled dangerous substance within 100 feet of the rental unit may bring a civil action for damages against that person. The bill specifies the types of damages that may be recovered from a defendant. The bill exempts certain individuals from civil liability under specific circumstances.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. Any increase in the Judiciary's workload could be handled with existing budgeted resources.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None. The bill would not directly affect small businesses.

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

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