

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 867 (Delegate Rosenberg, *et al.*)
Economic Matters

Kosher Products Law - Revision

This bill requires a person who represents to the public that any unpackaged food that is sold or served is kosher, kosher for Passover, or under rabbinical or other kosher supervision to display a disclosure statement. The person displaying the disclosure statement must retain a copy of the statement for a specified time period. The Consumer Protection Division of the Office of the Attorney General is required to develop a disclosure form relating to the preparation, handling, and sale of kosher products. This bill also repeals the prohibition against providing false representation of kosher products and substitutes it with a disclosure statement.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: General fund expenditures could increase annually by \$2,500 beginning in FY 1998. Revenues would not be affected.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: Minimal impact. Small businesses that sell kosher products would be required to display certain disclosure statements and to retain a copy of the statement, thus increasing business costs.

Fiscal Analysis

State Expenditures: State expenditures by the Consumer Protection Division could increase by \$2,500 annually to develop and distribute disclosure forms relating to the preparation, handling, and sale of kosher products.

Information Source: Office of the Attorney General (Consumer Protection Division)

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