

**Department of Fiscal Services**  
Maryland General Assembly

**FISCAL NOTE**

House Bill 398 (Delegate E. Burns, *et al.*)  
Judiciary

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**Same Sex Marriages - Foreign Jurisdictions - Invalidity**

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This bill provides that a same sex marriage entered into in another state or in a foreign country is not valid in Maryland. Such marriages are against the public policy of this State. In addition, the bill adds to the current law definition of “foreign marriage” by specifying that it means a marriage ceremony between a woman and a man.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None. The bill does not directly affect governmental operations or finances.

**Local Effect:** None.

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

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