

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 609 (Delegate Grosfeld, *et al.*)
Judiciary

Protection of Marriages

This bill provides that a marriage between two consenting adults is valid in the State. The bill also alters the definition of “foreign marriage” to mean a marriage ceremony that is performed outside the State between two consenting adults in which one or both of the parties were or are citizens of the State.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: General fund expenditures could increase to the extent that the bill qualifies people for State employee fringe benefits who otherwise would not be eligible. The increase is assumed to be minimal.

Local Effect: Potential minimal increase in marriage license revenues due to the expanded definition of a valid marriage. Potential minimal increase in local expenditures to the extent more people qualify for local government employee fringe benefits who otherwise would not be eligible.

Small Business Effect: Potential minimal impact on small businesses. Small businesses may realize additional costs to the extent that additional employees qualify for company benefit plans (e.g., health insurance, family leave, etc.).

Information Source(s): Judiciary (Administrative Office of the Courts), Montgomery County, Allegany County, Prince George’s County, Department of Fiscal Services

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