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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 1335

(Delegate Cole)

Judiciary

Real Property - Landlord and Tenant - Service of Process

This bill authorizes a constable or sheriff, in an action by a landlord for repossession of premises from a tenant of a multiple unit property, to serve process by affixing a copy of the summons conspicuously on the common area entrance.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill would not substantively change State activities or operations.

Local Effect: Efficiency savings for constables' and sheriffs' offices.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Current Law: A constable or sheriff serving process in an action for repossession of premises must affix an attested copy of the summons conspicuously on the property being repossessed.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: Identical legislation, HB 1358, was introduced in the 2000 session and received an unfavorable report from the House Judiciary Committee.

Cross File: None.

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