Department of Fiscal Services

Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 430 (Senator Dorman) Finance

911 Emergency Telephone System - Local Charges - Notification and Billing

This bill requires local jurisdictions that change the local 911 fee on wireless communications to notify the Emergency Number Systems Board of the change. The board is then required to notify the wireless communications companies.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The requirements of this bill can be handled with existing resources of the Emergency Number Systems Board.

Local Effect: Potential minimal increase in revenue. **This bill places a mandate on local governments.**

Fiscal Analysis

Local Effect: Under current law wireless communication companies are required to monitor local ordinances to determine whether they are required to impose a 911 fee on their bills. This bill requires the local governments to notify the Emergency Number Systems Board, which in turn would notify the wireless companies. To the extent that this notice increases compliance with local ordinances, 911 fee revenues could increase. Because the Emergency Number Systems Board does this informally under current law, any revenue increase is expected to be minimal.

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