

Department of Fiscal Services  
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 540 (Senator Kelley, et al.)  
Judicial Proceedings

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**Sentencing - Murder of Driver-for-Hire**

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This bill adds to the list of aggravating factors that can be considered in determining whether or not to impose the death penalty. This bill makes it an aggravating factor if the victim was a taxi driver or chauffeur.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** While this bill could conceivably increase the number of persons sentenced to death, the anticipated number of cases is small enough that it is not expected to affect State finances.

**Local Effect:** None.

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