

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 61 (Delegate Arnick)
Environmental Matters

Lead Abatement - Definition and Exceptions

This bill defines lead-based paint hazard “abatement” as applying only to buildings used for residential purposes.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Federal fund revenues and expenditures could decrease by \$97,200 in fiscal 1997; out-year reductions assume the federal funds would have continued.

(in dollars)	FY 1997	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 2000	FY 2001
FF Revenues	\$97,200	\$97,200	\$97,200	\$97,200	\$97,200
FF Expenditures	(97,200)	(97,200)	(97,200)	(97,200)	(97,200)
Net Effect	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

*Note: () - decrease; GF - general funds; FF - federal funds; SF - special funds
Assumes that federal fund grant will continue in the out-years*

Local Effect: None.

Fiscal Analysis

State Effect: The Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) reports that it currently has grant funding from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in the amount of \$97,200 to perform tasks associated with the inspection and abatement of steel structures; this amount is included in the fiscal 1997 budget allowance. Under this bill, these task would not be performed, and presumably the grant funding would cease. MDE advises that it has not budgeted resources for any tasks associated with non-residential structures other than the federal grant funding.

The current grant pays for two Environmental Specialists and associated administrative overhead, contractual services, equipment, supplies, and other operating costs. The fiscal estimate is dependent upon the assumption that the grant will be reawarded in fiscal 1998 and beyond; given the current federal budgetary situation, it may be that this grant will cease regardless of the bill.

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