

**Department of Fiscal Services**  
Maryland General Assembly

**FISCAL NOTE**

House Bill 571 (Delegate T. Murphy, et al.)  
Judiciary

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**Compelled Testimony - Spousal Privilege**

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This bill clarifies the conditions under which the spouse of a person on trial for assault and battery may be compelled to testify as an adverse witness.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None. The change would not directly affect governmental finances.

**Local Effect:** None.

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**Information Source(s):** Judiciary (Administrative Office of the Courts), Department of Fiscal Services

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