

Department of Fiscal Services  
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 142 (Delegate Stup, et al.)  
Environmental Matters

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**Tobacco Products - Illegal Distribution to Minors**

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This bill prohibits persons engaged in the business of distributing tobacco products from distributing any tobacco product, cigarette rolling papers, or a coupon redeemable for any tobacco product to a minor. Under current law, these persons are prohibited from purchasing these items for or selling these items to minors. A law enforcement officer authorized to make arrests shall issue a civil citation to a person if the officer believes a violation of these provisions has occurred.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** Enforcement of these provisions can be handled with existing resources. Revenues could increase by a minimal amount under current penalty provisions.

**Local Effect:** Revenues could increase a minimal amount under current penalty provisions. Expenditures would not be affected.

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**Information Source(s):** Judiciary (Administrative Office of the Courts), Department of State Police, Office of the Comptroller (Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Unit), Frederick and Prince George's counties, Department of Fiscal Services

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