

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 592 (Delegate Elliott, et al.)
Environmental Matters

Secretary of the Environment - Regulations - Authority

This bill prohibits the Secretary of the Environment from adopting any regulation or revision to a regulation that is more stringent than that which is required by federal regulation or law, unless such a regulation is mandated in the Environment Article, or the Secretary finds that a compelling reason exists to warrant a more stringent regulation.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None, as discussed below.

Local Effect: None.

Fiscal Analysis

State Effect: Any additional analysis required by this bill is already required by MDE according to an Executive Order issued on February 1, 1996 (01.01.1996.03; Regulatory Standards and Accountability).

Local Effect: To the extent that the bill's provisions are more stringent than the existing Executive Order, local governments that are affected by MDE regulations might realize some cost savings if proposed MDE regulations more stringent than federal regulations are not adopted under this bill.

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