

Department of Fiscal Services  
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 852 (Allegany County Delegation)  
Commerce and Government Matters

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**Code Counties - Landfill Disposal Fees - Enabling Legislation**

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This bill authorizes the county commissioners of a code home rule county to impose by a public local law a disposal fee on any person or entity for the deposit of solid waste in a public or private landfill within the county. The code counties are Allegany, Caroline, Kent, Queen Anne's, and Worcester. Any fees collected must be deposited in the general fund or in a special fund that is dedicated for the implementation of the county's recycling plan.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** Revenues in Allegany County could increase by an indeterminate amount, while revenues in Caroline, Kent, Queen Anne's, and Worcester counties would not be directly affected. Expenditures would not be affected.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

**Local Revenues:** Allegany County estimates that revenues could increase by \$15,000 annually due to the imposition of a disposal fee. Fiscal Services advises, however, that the increase would depend upon the amount of the disposal fee and the volume of solid waste deposited in landfills. At this time, this information is not available. It is noted that the disposal fees imposed by the other code counties exceed \$15,000 annually.

Since the other code counties currently impose disposal fees, their revenues would not be directly affected.

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**Information Source(s):** Allegany, Caroline, Kent, Queen Anne's, and Worcester counties;  
Department of Fiscal Services

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