

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 1262 (Delegate Hutchins)
Judiciary

Maryland National Guard -
Receipt of Property and Revenues from Federal Agencies

This bill designates the Maryland National Guard as a law enforcement agency authorized to receive property and funds pursuant to three specified federal laws and from federal agencies supported by the National Guard in the counter drug program. Any property or funds received must be used in the counter drug program in accordance with federal guidelines.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Federal fund revenues and expenditures could increase by an indeterminate amount.

Local Effect: None.

Fiscal Analysis

Background: Three federal laws permit transfer of property or money seized in drug actions to State law enforcement agencies that participate in the seizure. The federal laws are the Tariff Act of 1930, the Controlled Substances Act, and civil forfeiture under federal criminal law.

State Effect: As the bill requires any property or funds received must be used for the counter drug program, it is assumed that additional federal revenues would be offset by commensurate expenditures with no net effect on State finances.

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