

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 313 (Calvert County Delegation)
Commerce and Government Matters

Calvert County - Regulation of Vehicle Towing Companies

This bill authorizes the Calvert County Commissioners to establish by ordinance the terms and conditions for a towing company license. The bill also prohibits a person from operating a towing company without first obtaining a license from the Clerk of the Circuit Court. Violators are subject to a fine not exceeding \$100 and a license revocation.

The bill is effective July 1, 1996.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Indeterminate minimal increase in general fund revenues as discussed below. No effect on expenditures.

Local Effect: Indeterminate minimal increase in Calvert County revenues as discussed below. No effect on expenditures.

Fiscal Analysis

State Effect: General fund revenues could increase by an indeterminate amount due to the collection of license issuance fees. The Clerk of the Circuit Court in Calvert County charges a \$2 fee for each license issued. Although the number of licenses issued cannot be determined beforehand, it is assumed that the fees collected would be minimal. Any costs associated with issuing the licenses would be minimal and could be absorbed with the clerk's office's existing resources.

In addition, general fund revenues could increase under the bill's monetary penalty provision, depending upon the number of convictions and fines imposed.

Local Revenues: Calvert County revenues could increase depending upon the amount of the license fee and the number of licenses issued. Any such increase is assumed to be minimal.

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