

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 533 (Delegate Minnick) (Baltimore County Administration)
Judiciary

Law Enforcement Officers - Immunity

This bill provides civil immunity for law enforcement officers while acting in a discretionary capacity and within the scope of the officer's employment or authority. The immunity is extended if an officer acts in good faith, without malice, and in a reasonable manner or is enforcing a statute, ordinance or regulation that is later declared unconstitutional. The bill also provides that this immunity is not a defense to actions alleging violations of the Maryland Declaration of Rights, the Maryland Constitution, or the United States Constitution when declaratory, injunctive or other equitable relief is sought. The bill does not affect any other immunities or defenses available to law enforcement officers.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. Providing this civil immunity would not affect governmental finances.

Local Effect: None. Providing this civil immunity would not affect governmental finances.

Information Source(s): Judiciary (Administrative Office of the Courts), Baltimore County, Department of Fiscal Services

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