

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE
Revised

House Bill 44 (Delegate M. Burns)
Judiciary

Referred to Judicial Proceedings

Homicide - Prosecution - “Year and a Day” Rule Abolished

This amended bill abolishes the common law rule which bars prosecution for homicide unless the victim dies within a year and a day from the time the act or omission causing the death occurred. The bill affects only offenses committed after the bill takes effect.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. It is assumed that this bill would apply in a limited number of cases and therefore the budgets of the Judiciary, Public Defender, and Division of Correction would not be affected.

Local Effect: None. It is assumed that this bill would apply in a limited number of cases and therefore not affect the budgets of the State’s Attorneys’ offices.

Information Source(s): Judiciary (Administrative Office of the Courts); Office of the Public Defender; Department of Fiscal Services

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