

Department of Fiscal Services  
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 1134 (Delegate Hutchins, et al.)  
Judiciary

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**Sale or Transfer of Regulated Firearms - Use of Facsimile Machine**

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This bill allows gun dealers to submit gun purchase applications to the Department of State Police by fax machine or certified mail. Under current law the applications must be sent by certified mail.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** General fund expenditures could increase by \$3,200 in FY 1997 and decrease in future years as cost savings exceed additional expenditures.

(in dollars)	FY 1997	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 2000	FY 2001
GF Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
GF Expenditures	3,200	3,400	3,500	3,500	3,600
Net Effect	(\$3,200)	(\$3,400)	(\$3,500)	(\$3,500)	(\$3,600)

Note: ( ) - decrease; GF - general funds; FF - federal funds; SF - special funds

**Local Effect:** None.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

**State Expenditures:** General fund expenditures could increase by an estimated \$3,200 in fiscal 1997 for purchase of three fax machines and the addition of three telephone lines, less savings in postage if responses from the State Police are sent to gun dealers by fax machine. Future years show a decrease in net general fund expenditures as the cost of the phone lines is less than the postage expenses.

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