

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 1244 (Chairman, Environmental Matters Committee)
(Departmental - Agriculture)
Environmental Matters

Pesticide Applicator's Law - Fees

This departmental bill raises annual license fees for pest control or pest control consulting businesses from \$100 to \$125.

The bill is effective July 1, 1996.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The Maryland Department of Agriculture's (MDA) FY 1997 budget allowance reflects a \$37,500 reduction in general funds with an equivalent increase in special funds as a result of the bill's fee increase. However, this budgetary change is not made contingent on passage of this bill.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: The Maryland Department of Agriculture has determined that this bill has minimal or no impact on small business (attached). Fiscal Services concurs with this assessment.

Fiscal Analysis

State Effect: According to the MDA, 1,500 businesses currently pay the \$100 fee. Raising the fee by \$25 would increase revenues by \$37,500. This increase in special fund revenues is already accounted for in the fiscal 1997 budget allowance.

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