

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 514 (Senator Amoss)
Judicial Proceedings

Cecil County - Casino Nights

This bill allows volunteer fire companies to hold casino nights in Cecil County.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill does not directly affect State finances.

Local Effect: Indeterminate offsetting increase in revenues and expenditures.

Fiscal Analysis

Bill Summary: This bill allows volunteer fire companies to hold casino nights in Cecil County. Major provisions of the bill include:

- The Sheriff must issue permits to qualified volunteer fire companies; however, no more than two permits may be issued in one month to a single organization.
- Each casino night must be run by regular members of the volunteer fire company.
- A person assisting in a casino night may not receive compensation.
- All proceeds must be used to purchase or maintain equipment used by the volunteer fire company.
- Each volunteer fire company must make available certain casino night financial records to the Sheriff or State's Attorney, upon request.

Local Revenues: County revenues could increase by an indeterminate amount as a result of

application fees collected by the Sheriff's Office. The amount of the increase would depend upon the amount of the fees and the number of permits issued, neither of which can be reliably estimated at this time.

Local Expenditures: The Cecil County Sheriff's Office could incur some minimal administrative expenses in issuing the casino night permits. Any such expenses would be offset by application fee revenues or absorbed within existing resources.

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