

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE
Revised

House Bill 65 (Delegate Harkins, et al.)
Judiciary

Referred to Judicial Proceedings

Law Enforcement Officers, Sheriffs, and Correctional Officers Safety Act

This amended bill creates a new crime of removing or attempting to remove a firearm from a person the violator knows or has reason to know is a law enforcement or correctional officer. A violator is subject to a \$10,000 fine and/or 10 years in prison.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Potential minimal increase in general fund expenditures. No effect on revenues.

Local Effect: None.

Fiscal Analysis

State Expenditures: The offense described in this bill has penalties equal to or less than the offenses under which a person could be charged under current law. The bill provides that the sentence for this offense may be ordered concurrent to or consecutive to any other sentence. To the extent that the sentence extends the amount of time an offender spends in a Division of Correction (DOC) facility, general fund expenditures will increase. In fiscal 1997 the average monthly cost per inmate is estimated at \$1,400.

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