

Department of Fiscal Services  
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE  
Revised

House Bill 125 (Delegate Owings, et al.)  
Judiciary

Referred to Judicial Proceedings

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Crimes - Dogfights - Attendance

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This amended bill prohibits a person from knowingly attending a deliberately conducted dogfight as a spectator. Violators are guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to a fine not exceeding \$1,000 and/or imprisonment not exceeding 90 days.

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** Potential minimal increase in general fund revenues due to applicable penalty provisions. No effect on expenditures.

**Local Effect:** Potential minimal increase in expenditures due to the bill's penalty provisions. No effect on revenues.

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Fiscal Analysis

**State Revenues:** General fund revenues could increase under the applicable monetary penalty provision for those cases heard in the District Court, depending upon the number of convictions and fines imposed.

**Local Expenditures:** Expenditures could increase as a result of the applicable incarceration penalty depending upon the number of convictions and sentences imposed. Counties pay the full cost of incarceration for people in their facilities for the first 90 days of the sentence, plus part of the per diem cost after 90 days. Per diem operating costs of local detention facilities are expected to range from \$19 to \$96 per inmate in fiscal 1997.

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