

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE
Revised

House Bill 505 (Chairman, Environmental Matters Committee)
(Departmental - Health and Mental Hygiene)

Environmental Matters

Kidney Disease Fund

This departmental bill repeals the termination of the Kidney Disease Fund. Under current law the fund terminates June 30, 1996.

The bill takes effect June 30, 1996.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: State finances for the Kidney Disease Fund would be maintained in FY 1997 as discussed below.

Local Effect: None.

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

Fiscal Analysis

Background: Chapter 404 of 1992 established the Kidney Disease Fund. Annual certification fees assessed by the Kidney Disease Commission on kidney dialysis and transplant centers are transferred into the Kidney Disease Fund to partially offset the commission's direct costs. Chapter 25 of 1994 extended the original sunset date from June 30, 1994 to June 30, 1996. The commission's mission is to establish certification standards for kidney dialysis and transplant centers and advise the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene on policy and operating regulations for the Kidney Disease Program (Medical Care Programs Administration).

State Revenues: State revenues will be maintained because the bill proposes to continue the Kidney Disease Fund. Fiscal 1997 special fund revenues are estimated at \$81,500. Future year revenues are expected to remain relatively constant.

State Expenditures: State expenditures will be maintained because the bill proposes to continue the fund. The fiscal 1997 allowance assumes \$85,800 in commission expenditures.

Information Source(s): Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (Commission on Kidney Disease), Department of Fiscal Services

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