

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 605 (Delegate Montague)
Judiciary

Family Law - Divorce - Grounds

This bill repeals current law provisions relating to grounds for limited divorces and absolute divorces. The bill establishes a six-month uninterrupted separation of the parties as the sole grounds for divorce. In addition, current law provides that if the grounds for divorce occurred outside of the State, a party may not apply for a divorce unless one of the parties has resided in the State for at least one year. This bill reduces that residency threshold to six months.

The bill is applied to complaints of divorce filed on or after October 1, 1996.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill is not expected to have a discernable fiscal impact on the Judiciary.

Local Effect: None.

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