

Department of Fiscal Services  
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 1075 (Delegate Frush, et al.)  
Environmental Matters

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**Tobacco Products - Sales to Minors by Vending Machines - Penalties**

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This bill prohibits minors from purchasing or attempting to purchase tobacco products through vending machines. Penalties for selling cigarettes to minors through vending machines are explicitly made civil penalties, and are applicable to the proprietor of the establishment and the owner of the vending machine. A law enforcement officer authorized to make arrests shall issue a civil citation to a person if the officer believes the person is committing a violation of the provisions regarding the distribution of tobacco products to minors.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None. Enforcement of these provisions could be handled with existing resources.

**Local Effect:** None. Enforcement could be handled with existing resources.

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**Information Source(s):** Office of the Comptroller (Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Unit), Judiciary (Administrative Office of the Courts), Department of Fiscal Services

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