

Department of Fiscal Services  
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE  
Revised

Senate Bill 445 (Senator Colburn)  
Judicial Proceedings

Referred to Environmental Matters

**Agriculture - Disparagement of Perishable Food Products - Cause of Action**

This amended bill creates a cause of action by producers of a “perishable agricultural food product” against a person who “disparages” that product. Associations representing food producers may also bring an action. The action may be maintained for damages and for any other relief considered appropriate by a court.

**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None. The bill would not directly affect governmental finances.

**Local Effect:** None.

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