

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 735 (Senator Stone)
Finance

Amusement Attractions - Public Safety

This bill authorizes the Commissioner of Labor and Industry to adopt safety regulations concerning the use of amusement attractions and specifies that the purpose of the State’s amusement ride safety law includes educating the public that compliance with all lawful requirements is essential for the safe operation of the rides.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: General fund expenditures would increase by about \$20,000 in FY 1997. Future year expenditures reflect all ongoing costs and growth. Revenues would not be affected.

(in dollars)	FY 1997	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 2000	FY 2001
GF Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
GF Expenditures	20,000	10,200	10,400	10,600	10,800
Net Effect	(\$20,000)	(\$10,200)	(\$10,400)	(\$10,600)	(\$10,800)

Note: () - decrease; GF - general funds; FF - federal funds; SF - special funds

Local Effect: None.

Fiscal Analysis

State Expenditures: The Commissioner of Labor and Industry advises that safety regulations would be adopted pursuant to the bill’s grant of authority. In that case, the Commissioner would need to research amusement attractions and develop appropriate regulations to ensure their safe use. In addition, the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation (DLLR) would need to expand its public information campaign, develop public service announcements, revise its safety brochures, and create safety videos for distribution to the public.

DLLR would need to hire a public relations firm at a one-time cost of about \$10,000 to develop this public safety information material. The cost of reproducing and printing the material would be about \$8,000 annually. In addition, communication expenditures would increase by about \$2,000 annually to distribute the material. Thus, general fund expenditures would increase by \$20,000 in fiscal 1997. Future year expenditures include the annual costs for reproducing and distributing safety material and reflect 2% growth.

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