

**Department of Fiscal Services**  
Maryland General Assembly

**FISCAL NOTE**

House Bill 126 (Delegate Eckardt)  
Commerce and Government Matters

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**Dorchester County - Fire Companies**

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This emergency bill removes the requirement that deeds or other instruments of conveyance of real or leasehold property made by the Dorchester County Commissioners to volunteer fire companies contain a provision that the property must revert to the county when the property is no longer used by the volunteer fire company in providing fire and emergency related services or facilities. The bill also allows the county to sell any reversionary interest in real or leasehold property to volunteer fire companies without holding a public sale.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** Dorchester County revenues could increase by an indeterminate minimal amount due to the sale of any reversionary interest in real or leasehold property to volunteer fire companies. Removing the reversionary clause on the property sold to volunteer fire companies would not directly affect county finances because this clause has never been exercised.

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