

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE
Revised

House Bill 1396 (Delegate Pitkin)

Environmental Matters

Referred to Economic and Environment Affairs

Boxers and Kick Boxers - Blood Tests

This amended emergency bill provides that an applicant for a license to participate in a boxing or kick boxing contest must present evidence to the Athletic Commission that the applicant tested negative for human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and hepatitis B within 30 days prior to the date of the application. In addition, whenever directed by the commission, a licensed boxer or kick boxer must present evidence that the licensee tested negative for HIV and hepatitis B within 30 days prior to participating in a contest.

If the commission denies, suspends, or revokes a license because of the failure of an individual to comply with the requirements of this bill, the commission must keep the information confidential. A person violating this confidentiality requirement is guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to a fine not to exceed \$1,000 for the first offense and \$5,000 for each subsequent conviction.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Potential minimal increase in general fund revenues due to the bill's penalty provisions. It is assumed that the Athletic Commission could handle any additional review and recording activities with existing resources. Therefore, expenditures would not be affected.

Local Effect: Potential minimal increase in general fund revenues due to the bill's penalty provisions. No effect on expenditures.

Fiscal Analysis

State Revenues: General fund revenues could increase under the bill's monetary penalty provision for those cases heard in the District Court, depending upon the number of convictions and fines imposed.

Local Revenues: Revenues could increase under the bill's monetary penalty provision for those cases heard in the circuit courts, depending upon the number of convictions and fines imposed.

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