

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 17 (Delegate Arnick)
Environmental Matters

Female Crabs - Possession or Sale - Prohibition

This emergency bill prohibits an individual from selling or possessing female crabs. Violators are guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to penalty provisions.

This bill sunsets on September 30, 1998.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Indeterminate moderate increase in general fund revenues due to the bill's penalty provision. No effect on expenditures.

Local Effect: None.

Fiscal Analysis

State Revenues: Since misdemeanors with a maximum fine of under \$2,500 are heard in District Court, general fund revenues could increase under the bill's monetary penalty provision, depending upon the number of convictions and fines imposed. First offenders could pay a fine of up to \$500; repeat offenders could pay a fine of up to \$2,000.

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