

**Department of Fiscal Services**  
Maryland General Assembly

**FISCAL NOTE**  
**Revised**

House Bill 157 (Delegate Harrison, et al.)  
Economic Matters

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**Insurance - Fees - Repeal**

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This bill repeals a provision of the Insurance Article which permits the Insurance Commissioner to charge a one-dollar fee for copying documents on file in the Commissioner's office.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** General fund revenues could decrease by as much as \$30,000 annually, as discussed below. Expenditures would not be affected.

**Local Effect:** None.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

**State Effect:** The Maryland Insurance Administration advises that it collects approximately \$30,000 annually for copying documents. Therefore, if the one-dollar copy fee is repealed, revenues could decrease by about \$30,000 annually. However, the Public Information Act of the State Government Article provides that the custodian of State documents may charge a "reasonable fee" for copying documents. Therefore, the Insurance Commissioner could impose a copy fee in accordance with this Act and recover some of this lost revenue.

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