

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 807 (Prince George's County Delegation)
Judiciary

Prince George's County - Casino Nights
PG 312-96

This bill extends by two years the time in which organizations are allowed to operate casino nights in Prince George's County.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. Offsetting increase in revenues and expenditures.

Local Effect: Revenues of approximately \$396,400 in FY 1997, \$4.8 million in FY 1998, and \$4.4 million in FY 1999 would continue. Expenditures of \$1.2 million in FY 1998 and 1999 would continue.

Fiscal Analysis

State Effect: This bill could require the Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS) to perform additional criminal checks in fiscal 1998 and 1999. For each criminal check, CJIS charges a \$42 fee. Of the \$42, \$18 is used by CJIS to cover operating costs of performing the checks. The remaining \$24 is forwarded to the FBI to cover the costs of performing the national criminal history check. Accordingly, offsetting State revenues and operating costs could be maintained, to the extent that additional background checks are performed in fiscal 1998 and 1999.

Local Revenues: Under current law the authorization for casino nights to operate in Prince George's County expires in May 1997. This bill would extend that authorization until May of 1999. As a result, revenues from the county application fee, enforcement fee, and a levy on gross receipts of casino nights would be sustained for two additional years. Prince George's County Sheriff's Office reports that the application and enforcement fees are currently generating about \$437,000 per year, and the levy is generating about \$360,000 per

month. If these revenues remain stable, county revenues of approximately \$396,400 in fiscal 1997, \$4.8 million in fiscal 1998, and \$4.4 million in fiscal 1999 would be maintained.

Local Expenditures: The Prince George's County Casino Night Enforcement Office currently has a budget of approximately \$1.23 million which under current law would not be necessary after fiscal 1997. This bill would maintain expenditures of approximately the same amount in fiscal 1998 and 1999.

Information Source(s): Prince George's County Sheriff's Office, Department of Fiscal Services

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