

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE
Revised

Senate Bill 497 (Senator Dorman, et al.)

Finance

Referred to Economic Matters

Physicians - Requirements - Educational Materials for Prostate Cancer

This amended bill requires a physician to provide educational materials regarding the diagnosis and treatment of prostate cancer to a male patient when medically appropriate for the patient. The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) is to develop, print, and distribute the educational materials to physicians in Maryland.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: General fund expenditures could increase by an estimated \$94,400 in FY 1997; future year expenditures increase with inflation. Revenues would not be affected.

(in dollars)	FY 1997	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 2000	FY 2001
GF Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
GF Expenditures	94,400	96,300	98,200	100,200	102,200
Net Effect	(\$94,400)	(\$96,300)	(\$98,200)	(\$100,200)	(\$102,200)

Note: () - decrease; GF - general funds; FF - federal funds; SF - special funds

Local Effect: None.

Fiscal Analysis

State Expenditures: Fiscal 1997 general fund expenditures could increase by an estimated \$94,400. The information and assumptions used in calculating the estimate are stated below:

- 26% of men over the age of 40, or 168,782, are at risk for prostate cancer;
- printing costs are \$0.50 per brochure; and

- there are approximately 20,000 licensed physicians in Maryland, who would each receive a postcard allowing them to request brochures.

Postage	\$ 6,400
Printing (brochures and postcards)	86,791
Duplicating	<u>1,200</u>
Total FY 1997 State Expenditures	\$94,391

Future year expenditures reflect 2% annual increases in ongoing operating expenses.

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