Department of Fiscal Services

Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 787 (Senator Trotter) Rules

Crimes and Punishments - Minors - Sale of Straight Razors

This bill prohibits the sale, trade, or gift of a "straight razor" to a minor. Violators are subject to a fine of not more than \$200 and court costs, or confinement for not more than 60 days if the violator fails to pay the fine.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Potential minimal increase in general fund revenues due to the applicable penalty provisions. No effect on expenditures.

Local Effect: Potential minimal increase in expenditures due to the applicable penalty provisions. No effect on revenues.

Fiscal Analysis

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

Local Expenditures: Expenditures could increase as a result of the applicable incarceration penalty depending upon the number of convictions and sentences imposed. Counties pay the full cost of incarceration for the first 90 days of the sentence, plus part of the per diem cost after 90 days. Per diem operating costs of local detention facilities are expected to range from \$19 to \$96 per inmate in fiscal 1997.

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