Department of Fiscal Services

Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE Revised

House Bill 1358 (Delegate McClenahan, et al.)

Ways and Means Referred to Economic and Environmental Affairs

Marine Industry Economic Development Task Force - Boat Excise Tax

This amended bill establishes a nine-member Marine Industry Economic Development Task Force in the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), to explore ways to promote the recreational boating industry and make it more competitive with other states. DNR must provide staffing for the task force. Task force members are eligible for expense reimbursements under the standard State travel regulations, as provided in the budget. The task force must submit a preliminary report on its findings and recommendations by January 1, 1997, and submit its final report by June 30, 1997.

The bill is effective July 1, 1996 and sunsets June 30, 1997.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. DNR could absorb staffing requirements with existing resources. Expense reimbursements would depend upon the time, location, and frequency of the task force's meetings. It is expected that reimbursements for the governmental members could be handled with the existing resources of the governmental entities represented on the task force. Likewise, reimbursements for the non-governmental members could be handled with DNR's existing resources.

Local Effect: None.

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