

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 278 (Senator Collins)
Judicial Proceedings

Public Facilities - Refusal of Services - Prohibition

This bill prohibits owners or operators of certain facilities open to the public from refusing to serve an individual solely on the basis of the individual's mode of transportation, hairstyle, or style of dress. The prohibition does not apply when the individual's clothing contains profanity or obscenity or fits the individual in a way that is indecent or constitutes a health hazard to the premises of the owner. The bill also provides that an owner is liable in a civil action to a complainant for an amount ranging from \$500 to \$2,500, depending on the number of times the owner has previously violated the requirements of the bill.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. Any workload increase stemming from this bill could be handled with existing resources.

Local Effect: None.

Information Source(s): Judiciary (Administrative Office of the Courts), Human Relations Commission

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