

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 19 (Delegate Montague)
Judiciary

Baltimore City - Circuit Court - Appearance Fees

This bill increases the attorney appearance fees in Baltimore City from \$10 to \$20 for all cases except less serious criminal cases. This bill is effective July 1, 1996.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: General fund revenues would increase by \$18,300 in FY 1997, rising by about 3% annually. Expenditures would not be affected.

(in dollars)	FY 1997	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 2000	FY 2001
GF Revenues	\$18,300	\$18,800	\$19,400	\$20,000	\$20,600
GF Expenditures	0	0	0	0	0
Net Effect	\$18,300	\$18,800	\$19,400	\$20,000	\$20,600

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

Local Effect: Revenues of the Library Company of the Baltimore Bar could increase by an estimated \$347,300 in FY 1997.

Fiscal Analysis

State Revenues: Assuming fees are waived on half of administrative appeals and 20% of divorce and non-paternity domestic cases, this bill would increase total collections of appearance fees by an estimated \$365,580 in fiscal 1997. Five percent of revenues collected by the circuit court clerks are paid to the state general fund. This amounts to \$18,279 in fiscal 1997. Filings are assumed to increase 3% annually.

Local Revenues: As stated above, this bill is expected to increase total collections of appearance fees by an estimated \$365,580 in fiscal 1997. Appearance fees in Baltimore City are paid to the Library Company of the Baltimore Bar to be used for the bar library. This amounts to \$347,301, after deducting the 5% which goes to the state general fund, in fiscal 1997. Filings are assumed to increase 3% annually.

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