

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 29 (Senator Ruben)
Finance

**Commercial Law - Unsolicited Faxed Documents - Toll-Free Telephone Numbers to
Request Cessation of Transmission**

This bill requires unsolicited “faxed documents” to include a toll-free telephone number the recipient may call, and an address to which the recipient may write, notifying the sender not to transmit any further such documents. Upon receipt of such a notification, the sender is required to cease unsolicited transmissions.

Violators are subject to a civil action by the Attorney General to recover for the State a penalty of up to \$1,000 for each violation. Each prohibited solicitation is considered a separate violation.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Assuming that the Consumer Protection Division will receive fewer than 50 complaints annually, existing resources should be adequate to handle any additional workload. There is the potential for a minimal increase in general fund revenues due to the bill’s penalty provision.

Local Effect: None.

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