

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE
Revised

Senate Bill 649 (Senator Haines)(Carroll County Delegation)
Economic & Environmental Affairs Referred to Commerce & Government Matters

Carroll County - Subdivision Plat Approval - Certifications for Major Plats

This enrolled bill requires the planning commission in Carroll County to require certification from certain agencies of the adequacy of public facilities before approving major subdivision plats. Currently, certification is required for all subdivision plats. The failure of an agency to certify a public facility may only be used as a basis for denying a final subdivision plat, rather than preliminary and final subdivision plats. The bill also exempts a subdivision plat consisting of three or fewer lots in a nonagricultural zoned area, or four or fewer lots in an agricultural zoned area.

Before implementing any rules or regulations regarding the approval and certification of subdivision plats which are not in effect on January 1, 1996, the county commissioners must conduct a public hearing on the rules or regulations.

The bill's provisions are effective from June 1, 1996 to May 31, 1998.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Since certain agencies in Carroll County would not have to certify the adequacy of public facilities prior to the approval of minor subdivision plats or certain subdivision plats in agricultural zoned areas or nonagricultural zoned areas, county expenditures could decrease due to fewer hours spent by the agencies in certifying and reviewing facilities. Although the savings cannot be determined, it is assumed to be minimal. It is assumed that the county could conduct any public hearings within existing resources.

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