

Department of Fiscal Services  
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 160 (Senator Kelley, *et al.*)  
Judicial Proceedings

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**Family Law - Grounds for Divorce - Abuse**

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This bill adds “abuse” to the grounds for which a court may decree an absolute divorce. Under current law, an absolute divorce may be granted on the grounds of (1) adultery; (2) desertion; (3) voluntary separation; (4) conviction of a felony or misdemeanor; (5) a two-year separation; or (6) insanity.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None. The bill would not materially affect State activities or finances.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None. The bill would not directly affect small businesses.

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