

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 41 (Delegate Kelly)
Environmental Matters

Tattooing - Minors - Prohibitions

This bill prohibits the tattooing of a minor unless a parent or guardian of the minor consents to the tattoo. Violators are guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to a maximum fine of \$5,000.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Potential minimal increase in general fund revenues due to the bill's penalty provision. No effect on expenditures.

Local Effect: Potential minimal increase in revenues due to the bill's penalty provision. No effect on expenditures.

Small Business Effect: None. Current health regulations already require a written consent from a parent or a guardian prior to performing the procedure. Thus business for approximately 30-40 store-front tattoo establishments and an indeterminate number of individuals who practice tattooing in their homes or at county fairs would not be affected.

Fiscal Analysis

State Revenues: General fund revenues could increase under the bill's monetary penalty provision for those cases heard in the District Court, depending upon the number of convictions and fines imposed.

Local Revenues: Revenues could increase under the bill's monetary penalty provision for those cases heard in the circuit courts, depending upon the number of convictions and fines imposed.

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