

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 111 (Calvert County Delegation)
Economic Matters

**Board of Heating, Ventilation, Air-Conditioning and Refrigeration Contractors -
Enforcement of Code - Exemption for Calvert County**

This bill exempts Calvert County from the requirement of entering into an agreement with the State Board of Heating, Ventilation, Air-Conditioning and Refrigeration (HVACR) Contractors to enforce the State's code.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Potential indeterminate increase in general fund expenditures as discussed below. Revenues would not be affected.

Local Effect: None. This bill codifies existing practice in that Calvert County has not entered into a cooperative agreement to enforce the State's code.

Small Business Effect: None. This bill would not exempt heating, ventilation, air-conditioning and refrigeration contractors from existing licensing requirements.

Fiscal Analysis

State Effect: The bill is silent as to who would be responsible for the enforcement of the State Board of HVACR's code in Calvert County. If the State were to assume enforcement responsibilities in Calvert County, there would be an increase in State expenditures. Calvert County estimates that it would take approximately three staff, in addition to necessary equipment, at a first year cost of approximately \$154,000 to enforce the State's code. It is assumed that enforcement provided by the State would require approximately the same resources. Cost recovery fees may be imposed to generate offsetting revenues that may cover all, or some portion, of the enforcement expenditures.

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