

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 431 (Delegate Hixson, *et al.*)
Judiciary

Anti-Discrimination Act

This bill prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation with regard to public accommodations. The bill also prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation with regard to employment, housing, and membership in organizations that are involved in the selling or renting of housing. Current law prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, sex, creed, color, religion, national origin, marital status, and physical or mental handicap.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. Although the bill could result in additional cases for the Judiciary, the Human Relations Commission, and the Office of Administrative Hearings, any increase is expected to be minimal and absorbable within existing budgeted resources.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None. The bill prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation with regard to employment but should not materially affect small businesses.

Information Source(s): Human Relations Commission, Judiciary (Administrative Office of the Courts), Office of Administrative Hearings, Department of Fiscal Services

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