

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 861 (Delegate Hurson, *et al.*)
Commerce and Government Matters

Housing - Discrimination Based on Source of Income - Prohibited

This bill prohibits discriminatory practices in the rental or purchase of residential housing based on source of income. The bill also prohibits discrimination based on source of income regarding access to multiple listing services and membership in real estate brokers' organizations. However, the bill does not prohibit a person from using the source of income in determining the ability of a potential renter or buyer to pay the rental or purchase price.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: General fund expenditures could increase to the extent that additional cases of discrimination are filed with the Human Relations Commission. While the number of additional cases cannot be reliably projected, any expenditure increase is assumed to be minimal.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None. This bill would not have a meaningful effect on small businesses.

Information Source(s): Commission on Human Relations, Department of Fiscal Services

Fiscal Note History: First Reader - February 17, 1997
ncs

Analysis by: Jody J. Minnich
Reviewed by: John Rixey

Direct Inquiries to:
John Rixey, Coordinating Analyst
(410) 841-3710
(301) 858-3710