

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 1091 (Frederick County Delegation)
Judiciary

Frederick County - Marriage License Fee

This bill increases the maximum amount of the additional marriage license fee in Frederick County from \$45 to \$65. The bill is effective July 1, 1997.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: None, as discussed below.

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

Fiscal Analysis

Local Effect: There are approximately 1,700 marriage licenses issued annually in Frederick County. Currently, the marriage license fee is \$55. Of this amount, the clerk of the circuit court and the county each get \$5. The remaining \$45 is used to fund domestic violence programs in the county through nonprofit agencies. The bill authorizes the county commissioners to increase the fee by \$20. These additional proceeds would be used to fund domestic violence programs. If the county commissioners raise the fee by \$20, nonprofit agencies would receive an additional \$34,000 annually. The clerk and the county would continue to collect their \$5 fee for each license.

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