

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 242 (Chairman, Environmental Matters Committee)
(Departmental - Environment)
Environmental Matters

Natural Wood Waste Recycling Facilities

This departmental bill expands the types of waste acceptable at natural wood waste recycling facilities by including any unadulterated or nonchemically treated wood waste in the definition of “natural wood waste” and allowing facility operators to accept materials other than natural wood waste. It also repeals the requirement that operators of natural wood waste recycling facilities obtain a permit from the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE).

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. There is no fee associated with the permit, so revenues would not be affected. Any decrease in workload associated with wood waste activities is expected to result in a reallocation of resources to other permitting activities; therefore, expenditures would not be affected.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: The Maryland Department of the Environment has determined that this bill has minimal or no impact on small businesses (attached). Fiscal Services disagrees with this assessment as discussed below.

Fiscal Analysis

Small Business Effect: According to MDE’s attached impact analysis, this legislation could save certain facilities up to \$10,000 in consulting fees. Any such savings could have

a significant impact on the small businesses involved. MDE advises that all 15 facilities that would be affected are classified as small businesses.

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