

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 472 (Delegate Frush)
Environmental Matters

Environment - Air Quality Permits and Registrations - Revocation

This bill requires the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) to issue a written warning to any person who has not complied with a corrective or other final order for 12 consecutive months or who has been in violation of an air quality permit or registration for 12 consecutive months. The warning must state that MDE will revoke the permit or registration if the person does not come into compliance within 12 months, and describe the corrective action needed to be taken to ensure compliance.

MDE must revoke a permit or registration should the person receiving the warning described above not comply within the 12-month deadline. In order for a person whose permit or registration has been revoked to receive a permit or registration, the person must reapply; the application must explain how the person will prevent the violations that led to the original revocation.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None, as discussed below.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: Potential minimal impact on small businesses as discussed below.

Fiscal Analysis

State Effect: MDE advises that most businesses will correct violations when notified to do so, particularly if they face revocation of their permits or registrations. Therefore, any increase in workload due to revoking a permit and reviewing any resubmitted applications is expected to be minimal and could be handled with existing staff.

Small Business Effect: Under this bill, small businesses that hold air quality permits or

registrations could possibly be more likely to have these authorizations revoked. However, as discussed above, most businesses will correct violations upon receipt of a notice, and such revocations should not occur frequently. If a permit or registration was revoked, the business would have to reapply in order to continue operations. The permit or registration application process would increase business costs.

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