

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 692 (Washington County Delegation)
Commerce and Government Matters

Washington County - Regulation of Noise

This bill authorizes the Washington County Commissioners to adopt by ordinance environmental noise standards, sound level limits, and noise controls to protect the public health, general welfare, and property. These ordinances do not apply to police, fire, and rescue vehicles, or watercraft.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Potential minimal effect on revenues and expenditures. If Washington County adopts noise standards, revenues and expenditures could increase depending upon the type of standards, the type of enforcement mechanisms, the amount of penalties, and the number of violations. Any increase is assumed to be minimal.

Small Business Effect: Minimal effect on small businesses. To the extent that Washington County adopts more stringent noise standards, limits, or controls than the State, small businesses could be impacted.

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