

Department of Fiscal Services  
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 732 (Delegate V. Mitchell)  
Economic Matters

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**Commissioner of Labor and Industry - Amusement Attractions - Prevention of Accidents and Injuries**

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This bill authorizes the Commissioner of Labor and Industry to develop educational materials, programs, and policies for the prevention of accidents and injuries involving the operators and users of amusement attractions and amusement owners. The bill authorizes the commissioner to meet and confer with individuals and groups deemed necessary to assist in the development of the educational materials, programs, and policies.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** General fund expenditures could increase by about \$20,000 in FY 1998. Future year expenditures reflect all ongoing costs and growth. Revenues would not be affected.

(in dollars)	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002
GF Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
GF Expenditures	20,000	10,200	10,400	10,600	10,800
Net Effect	(\$20,000)	(\$10,200)	(\$10,400)	(\$10,600)	(\$10,800)

*Note: ( ) - decrease; GF - general funds; FF - federal funds; SF - special funds*

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None. Although the majority of the amusement attraction businesses in the State are small businesses, the bill does not require owners or operators of amusement rides and attractions to comply with any program or policy developed as a result of this bill.

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## Fiscal Analysis

**State Expenditures:** The bill authorizes the Commissioner of Labor and Industry to develop educational materials, programs, and policies. The division currently distributes amusement ride safety brochures to amusement parks, county fairs, amusement ride owners and operators, interstate tourist information centers, and public libraries. While the bill does not require additional activity, it is anticipated that, as a result of this bill, the division would expand its public information campaign, develop public service announcements, revise its safety brochures, and create safety videos for distribution to the public.

The division would need to hire a public relations firm at a one-time cost of about \$10,000 to develop the public safety information material. The cost of reproducing and printing the materials would be about \$8,000 annually. In addition, communication expenditures would increase by about \$2,000 annually to distribute the materials. Thus, general fund expenditures would increase by \$20,000 in fiscal 1998. Future year expenditures include the annual cost for reproducing safety materials and reflect 2% growth.

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