

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 1042 (Delegate Marriott, *et al.*)
Environmental Matters

Health - Refrigerated Foods - Sale After Certain Dates

This bill prohibits the sale of certain “refrigerated food” after (1) a sell-by date; or (2) seven days after a use-by date associated with that food. A person who violates the bill’s provisions is guilty of a misdemeanor and is subject to a fine of up to \$500 for each day that a violation continues.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Potential minimal increase in general fund revenues due to the bill’s penalty provision. Expenditures would not be affected because implementation of the bill’s requirements would be carried out by local jurisdictions.

Local Effect: None. Local health departments are responsible for inspection of food service facilities, which are charged an inspection fee to cover costs. The bill’s requirements could be handled with existing budgeted resources.

Small Business Effect: Potential meaningful effect on small businesses.

Fiscal Analysis

Small Business Effect: Small stores could be adversely affected to the extent that they currently sell food past the sell-by date or seven days past the use-by date. Stores would have to dispose of unsold dated food, reducing their revenues and profits.

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