

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 23 (Delegate Arnick)
Judiciary

Theft Offenses - Penalties

This bill increases, from \$1,000 to \$10,000, the maximum fine that may be imposed for a felony conviction of theft of property or services valued at \$300 or more. The current law maximum incarceration penalty remains at 15 years.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Indeterminate increase in general fund revenues due to the bill's increased monetary penalty provision. Expenditures would not be affected.

Local Effect: Indeterminate increase in revenues due to the bill's increased monetary penalty provision. Expenditures would not be affected.

Small Business Effect: None. The bill would not directly affect small businesses.

Fiscal Analysis

State Revenues: General fund revenues could increase under the bill's increased monetary penalty provision for those cases heard in the District Court, depending upon the number of convictions and fines imposed.

Local Revenues: Revenues could increase under the bill's increased monetary penalty provision for those cases heard in the circuit courts, depending upon the number of convictions and fines imposed.

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