

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 323 (Delegate Donoghue, *et al.*)
Economic Matters

Commercial Law - Tanning Facilities - Disclosure and Notice of Risks

This bill requires first time and renewal users of “tanning facilities” to sign a written statement acknowledging specified information and warnings about tanning devices. The bill also requires a parent or legal guardian to sign the same statement before a minor may use the tanning facility.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. Assuming that the Consumer Protection Division will receive fewer than 50 complaints per year stemming from this bill, existing resources should be adequate to handle any additional workload.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: Minimal impact on tanning facilities that are small businesses.

Fiscal Analysis

Small Business Effect: Although information on the exact number of establishments with tanning equipment in the State is unavailable, Fiscal Services estimates there are approximately 750 based on the number of tanning facilities operating in Baltimore City. It is assumed that the majority of tanning facilities in the State are small businesses. To the extent that customers of tanning facilities are dissuaded from using such facilities based on the facts and warnings provided in the required form, tanning facilities may lose business. It is doubtful, however, that they would lose a significant amount of business given the current availability of the information required to be disclosed. To the extent that minors are no longer able to utilize tanning facilities due to the parental signature requirement, tanning

facilities may lose additional business. Minimal costs may also be associated with the creation and maintenance of the disclosure forms required under this bill.

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