

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 763 (St. Mary's County Delegation)
Commerce and Government Matters

St. Mary's County - Enforcement of Ordinances and Regulations

This bill authorizes the St. Mary's County Commissioners to provide for civil penalties for violations of any ordinance, rule, or regulation concerning (1) the construction and use of roads and bridges; (2) sedimentation control; (3) subdivisions; and (4) zoning. In a proceeding before the District Court, the violations must be enforced in the same manner and to the same extent as municipal infractions.

Except for the above violations, the county commissioners may provide that violations of county ordinances and resolutions must be punishable as misdemeanors, and enforced in the same manner and to the same extent as municipal infractions. Violators are subject to a fine not exceeding \$1,000 and imprisonment not exceeding six months.

The bill does not apply to any violation of ordinances occurring before October 1, 1997.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Potential minimal general fund expenditure increase due to the applicable incarceration penalties. Any additional fines collected by the District Court could be remitted to St. Mary's County with existing resources.

Local Effect: Potential minimal revenue and expenditure increase for St. Mary's County due to the applicable penalties. The bill could also create administrative efficiencies in processing and enforcing county ordinances, rules, and regulations.

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

Information Source(s): Judiciary (District Court), St. Mary's County, Department of Fiscal Services

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