

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE
Revised

House Bill 773 (Delegates Harkins and Fry)

Environmental Matters

Referred to Economic and Environmental Affairs

Deep Water Wells - Effect on Aquifers Supplying Homeowner Wells - Department of Natural Resources to Study and Report

This amended bill requires the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to conduct a study of deep water wells of private water supply ventures or companies within the Winter's Run drainage basin. The study must consider the effects of deep water wells on the ability of aquifers to supply existing individual or homeowner wells. DNR must report its findings to the General Assembly by December 31, 1998.

This bill is effective July 1, 1997.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Expenditure increase of \$30,100 spread over the FY 1998-1999 period.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None. Small businesses would not be directly affected.

Fiscal Analysis

State Effect: DNR reports that it will cost approximately \$30,100 to conduct this study. This estimate is based on conducting a seven day pumping test of the production well in question during low-flow conditions. The entire study is expected to take up to eight months, beginning May 1, 1998. It is feasible that MDE and DNR may share the costs of this study.

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