

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE
Revised

House Bill 224 (Delegate Clagett)
Economic Matters

Referred to Finance

Commercial Law - Deceptive Trade Practices - Names of Businesses

This amended bill makes it an unfair or deceptive trade practice to use a name in the conduct of a person's business to intentionally misrepresent the geographic origin or location of the person's business.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. Assuming 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. Any recovery of costs by the Attorney General resulting from actions brought under the unfair and deceptive trade practices recovery provisions is indeterminate.

Local Effect: None.

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

Information Source(s): Office of the Attorney General (Consumer Protection Division), Department of Fiscal Services

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