

Department of Fiscal Services  
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE  
Revised

House Bill 624 (Delegate Curran, *et al.*)

Commerce and Government Matters

Referred to Judicial Proceedings

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**Baltimore City - Nuisance Abatement and Local Code Enforcement - Community Associations - Enforcement Authority**

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This amended bill changes the definition of “community association” as it relates to allowing community associations to seek injunctive and other relief in circuit court from a qualifying nuisance in Baltimore City by decreasing the required number of adult residents of an organization to qualify as a community association from 25% to 15% of a local community. The bill also requires that a notice of a nuisance be sent to the owner of record of property at the address shown on the property tax rolls or at the address listed in the landlord registrations maintained by the city’s Department of Housing and Community Development.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None. The increase in the number of cases heard in Baltimore City circuit court is not expected to require the hiring of additional judges or other State funded personnel. Accordingly, State finances would not be directly affected.

**Local Effect:** Changing the definition of community association would not directly affect Baltimore City’s finances. It is expected that any increase in the number of cases heard in Baltimore City circuit court could be handled with the court’s existing resources. Similarly, any increase in fine revenues would be minimal.

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

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