

**Department of Fiscal Services**  
Maryland General Assembly

**FISCAL NOTE**

House Bill 45 (Delegates Stup and Owings)  
Environmental Matters

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**Tobacco Products - Distribution to Minors**

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This bill prohibits anyone from distributing any tobacco product, cigarette rolling papers, or a coupon redeemable for any tobacco product to a minor. Under current law, these persons are prohibited from purchasing these items for or selling these items to minors. A law enforcement officer authorized to make arrests shall issue a civil citation to a person if the officer believes a violation of these provisions has occurred.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** Enforcement of these provisions could be handled with existing resources. Potential minimal increase in revenues under current penalty provisions.

**Local Effect:** Potential minimal increase in revenues under current penalty provisions. Expenditures would not be affected.

**Small Business Effect:** Minimal. Small business distributors of tobacco products could be affected to the extent that violations of this bill's provisions result in civil citations and monetary penalties.

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**Information Source(s):** Judiciary (Administrative Office of the Courts), Department of State Police, Office of the Comptroller (Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Unit), Frederick and Prince George's counties, Department of Fiscal Services

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