

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 215 (Delegate Grosfeld, *et al.*)
Judiciary

Family Law - Award of Expenses

This bill adds absolute divorce, limited divorce, and property disposition in annulment or absolute divorce to the types of proceedings in which a court may award to either party an amount for the “reasonable and necessary expense” of prosecuting or defending the proceeding. The bill specifies what a court must consider before ordering payment and allows a court to order counsel fees to be paid directly to the lawyer.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill would not directly affect governmental finances.

Local Effect: None.

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

Information Source(s): Judiciary (Administrative Office of the Courts), Department of Fiscal Services

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