

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE
Revised

House Bill 555 (Delegate Bozman, *et al.*)

Commerce and Government Matters

Referred to Judicial Proceedings

Vehicle Laws - Operation of Sound Amplification System - Noise Prohibition

This amended bill prohibits the operation of a sound amplification system from a vehicle on a highway that can be heard from 50 feet outside of the vehicle. The prohibition does not apply to emergency vehicles; utility vehicles; warning systems or vehicles used for advertising, parades, or political or other special events. Violators are subject to a civil penalty of up to \$50.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Indeterminate general fund revenue increase from the bill's civil penalty provision. Any increase is assumed to be minimal. Enforcement could be handled with existing resources.

Local Effect: None. It is assumed that enforcement by local law enforcement agencies could be handled with existing resources.

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

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