

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE
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House Bill 885 (Montgomery County and Prince George's County Delegations)
Commerce and Government Matters Referred to Judicial Proceedings

Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission - Rules and Regulations
Concerning Property - Penalties
MC/PG 34-97

This amended bill increases the maximum fines that may be imposed by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) for "commission infractions" from \$30 to \$50 for a first violation and from \$60 to \$100 for a subsequent violation.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Indeterminate increase in M-NCPPC revenues. Any additional expenditures resulting from publishing new park regulation booklets are assumed to be minimal and absorbable within existing resources.

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

Fiscal Analysis

Local Revenues: The M-NCPPC currently imposes a maximum \$30 fine for first violations of 72 park regulations. Repeat offenders may be assessed a maximum \$60 fine. In fiscal 1996, M-NCPPC revenues from park fines totaled \$35,000 (\$20,000 in Prince George's County and \$15,000 in Montgomery County.) Pursuant to this legislation, the maximum fines for park violations would increase by 67%. This could result in a \$23,450 increase in park revenues assuming that higher fines do not deter the number of park violations.

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