

Department of Fiscal Services  
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 266 (Delegate Frank)  
Environmental Matters

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Wading Pools - Safety

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This bill specifies that any “wading pool” altered or constructed on or after July 1, 1997 is required to have at least two water recirculation drains (dual section inlets) located at least four feet apart.

The bill takes effect July 1, 1997.

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** None. The bill would not directly affect State activities or operations.

**Local Effect:** Expenditures could increase by an estimated \$2,000 for each wading pool owned or operated by a local jurisdiction, if the wading pool does not already have dual section inlets. Revenues would not be affected.

**Small Business Effect:** Potential meaningful effect on small businesses as discussed below.

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Fiscal Analysis

**Small Business Effect:** Small business owners or operators of wading pools that are either altered or built after July 1, 1997 could be adversely affected, depending on whether existing pools currently have dual section inlets; most do not. The cost of providing dual section inlets is approximately \$2,000. Small businesses that install and repair wading pools could benefit from increased demand for their products and services.

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