

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 576 (Delegates Hutchins and Owings)
Judiciary

Statute of Limitations - Fish and Wildlife Violations

This bill extends the statute of limitations applied to prosecutions of violations of the Fisheries and Wildlife Titles of the Natural Resources Article from one to two years.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Potential indeterminate general fund revenue increase as discussed below. Expenditures would not be affected.

Local Effect: None.

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

Fiscal Analysis

State Effect: Extending the statute of limitations by one year could result in a greater number of prosecutions. Accordingly, general fund revenues could increase under current penalty provisions, depending upon the conviction rate and fines imposed. Any workload increase resulting from this bill could be handled with existing budgeted resources.

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