

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 966 (Montgomery County Delegation)
Judiciary

Montgomery County - Bingo - Maximum Cash Prizes
MC 709-97

This bill increases the maximum amount of cash prizes that may be awarded in Montgomery County from \$500 to \$1,000 per bingo game.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

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

Small Business Effect: Minimal effect on small businesses as discussed below.

Fiscal Analysis

Small Business Effect: Only nonprofit entities are authorized to conduct bingo games in Montgomery County. In 1996 there were 37 bingo licenses issued (including annual, ten-day, and one-day licenses). Increasing the maximum cash prize would likely generate additional revenues for nonprofits which use bingo games for fund raising.

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