

Department of Fiscal Services  
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 596 (Senators Derr and Ferguson)  
(Frederick County Senators)

Judicial Proceedings

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Frederick County - Marriage License Fee

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This bill increases the maximum amount of the additional marriage license fee in Frederick County from \$45 to \$65. The bill is effective July 1, 1997.

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** None, as discussed below.

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

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Fiscal Analysis

**Local Effect:** There are approximately 1,700 marriage licenses issued annually in Frederick County. Currently, the marriage license fee is \$55. Of this amount, the clerk of the circuit court and the county each get \$5. The remaining \$45 is used to fund domestic violence programs in the county through nonprofit agencies. The bill authorizes the county commissioners to increase the fee by \$20. These additional proceeds would be used to fund domestic violence programs. If the county commissioners raise the fee by \$20, nonprofit agencies would receive an additional \$34,000 annually. The clerk and the county would continue to collect their \$5 fee for each license.

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