

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 67 (Delegate Rosenberg)
Judiciary

Criminal Defamation - Repeal

This bill repeals the common law offense of criminal defamation and the corresponding statutory defense.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. Since the last reported case occurred in the 1950's, it is assumed that State finances would not be affected.

Local Effect: None.

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

Information Source(s): Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (Division of Correction), Department of Fiscal Services

Fiscal Note History: First Reader - January 16, 1997

lc

Analysis by: Lori Caldwell-Valentine
Reviewed by: John Rixey

Direct Inquiries to:
John Rixey, Coordinating Analyst
(410) 841-3710
(301) 858-3710