

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 267 (Delegate Frank)
Environmental Matters

Wading Pools - Safety

This bill specifies that a “wading pool” is required to have at least two water recirculation drains (dual section inlets) located at least four feet apart. Any wading pool constructed before July 1, 1997 must comply with the bill’s requirements by June 30, 1998.

The bill takes effect July 1, 1997.

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.

Fiscal Analysis

Small Business Effect: Small business owners or operators of wading pools built before July 1, 1997 could be adversely affected, depending on whether the 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.

Information Source(s): Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (Community and Public Health Administration), Prince George’s County, Anne Arundel County, Garrett County,

Dorchester County, Department of Fiscal Services, American Pool Management, Inc.

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