

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE
Revised

House Bill 677 (Delegate Taylor and Chairman, Judiciary Committee, *et al.*)
(Family Violence Council)

Judiciary

Referred to Judicial Proceedings

Family Law - Grounds for Divorce

This amended bill adds cruel treatment of the complaining party and excessively vicious conduct to the complaining party to the grounds for which a court may decree an absolute divorce. Under current law, an absolute divorce may be granted on the grounds of (1) adultery; (2) desertion; (3) voluntary separation; (4) conviction of a felony or misdemeanor; (5) a two-year separation; or (6) insanity.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill would not materially affect State activities or finances.

Local Effect: None.

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

Information Source(s): Judiciary (Administrative Office of the Courts), Department of Human Resources, Department of Fiscal Services

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