

Department of Fiscal Services  
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE  
Revised

Senate Bill 147 (Senator Trotter)  
Judicial Proceedings

Referred to Judiciary

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Litter Control - Enforcement - County Powers

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This amended bill authorizes the counties to prohibit littering on public or private property and to impose fines on violators as specified in existing law.

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** Potential minimal effect on county revenues and expenditures as discussed below.

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

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Fiscal Analysis

**Local Effect:** County revenues could increase due to the imposition of fines for violations of county litter control laws.

On a statewide basis, the counties spend millions of dollars annually on removing litter and other debris from their property. To the extent that enforcement of litter control laws leads to a decrease in the volume of litter, expenditures could decrease. The decrease would depend upon the scope of the county's enforcement and its impact on reducing litter. The decrease cannot be reliably estimated.

Enforcement of litter control laws could be handled with existing county law enforcement personnel.

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**Information Source(s):** Department of State Police; Kent, Prince George's, Washington,

and Worcester counties; Department of Fiscal Services

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