

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 267 (Senator Sfikas, *et al.*)
Judicial Proceedings

District Court - Appeals - Enforcement of Certain Local Codes

This bill provides that appeals from the District Court to a circuit court in any matter of contempt arising under petitions filed by local governments for certain local code enforcement must be heard on the record made in the District Court rather than *de novo*. The bill applies the provision prospectively only.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: None. While this bill could reduce the workload of the circuit courts, the small number of appeals of this nature that normally occur would not measurably affect the operations or finances of the Judiciary.

Small Business Effect: None. Consideration of contempt matters on the District Court record rather than *de novo* would not measurably affect small businesses. While this bill could allow for more expeditious code enforcement, it should not have a material affect on the outcome of such appeals.

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