

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 129 (Commerce and Government Matters Committee)
Commerce and Government Matters

Executive Orders - Procedural Requirements

This bill provides that, with specified exceptions, an executive order is not effective unless it contains a citation of the specific constitutional or statutory authority under which it is promulgated. A proposed executive order must be submitted for publication in the *Maryland Register* at least 21 days prior to final issuance of the order. The Governor must also submit a proposed executive order to the Attorney General for review as to its legality and to the Joint Committee on Administrative, Executive, and Legislative Review for review and comment. The Attorney General shall review the proposed order within seven days, and if the cited authority is not adequate, the order may not take effect.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Potential indeterminate effect if executive orders affecting revenues or expenditures are delayed or denied. All executive orders are currently published in the *Maryland Register*; this bill would require a nominal increase in the number of pages required, at about \$65 per page. Any increase could be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.

Local Effect: None.

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

Information Source(s): Secretary of State (Division of State Documents), Attorney General's Office, Department of Fiscal Services

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