

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 1129 (Delegate Fulton)
Economic Matters

Prohibition of the Receipt of Scrap Metal Delivered in a Shopping Cart

This bill prohibits a licensed junk dealer, auto dismantler, or scrap metal processor from receiving scrap metal delivered in a shopping cart. Violators are subject to a civil fine of up to \$1,000 for each violation.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: General fund revenues could increase by a minimal amount as a result of the bill's monetary penalty provision, depending upon the success rate of civil actions brought by the State.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: Minimal effect on small businesses as discussed below.

Fiscal Analysis

Small Business Effect: To the extent that retail stores that are small businesses are experiencing increased costs as a result of the theft of shopping carts to deliver scrap metal to auto dismantlers, junkyards and scrap metal processors, these businesses could realize a minimal decrease in expenditures. A metal shopping cart costs approximately \$175.

Also, to the extent that scrap metal processors, junk yards, and automotive dismantlers continue to accept scrap metal in shopping carts, these licensees may face civil penalties.

Information Source(s): Graul's Market, Giant Grocery

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