

Department of Legislative Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 890 (Delegate Vallario)

Judiciary

Trademark Counterfeiting - Marks of Olympic Committees

This bill alters the definitions of “intellectual property” and “mark,” under provisions of law that make trademark counterfeiting a criminal offense and govern the registration of trademarks, to include the words, names, symbols, emblems, signs, or insignias of the United States Olympic Committee or the International Olympic Committee.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Potential indeterminate increase in general fund revenues and expenditures due to applicable penalty provisions. Assuming that the Consumer Protection Division receives fewer than 50 complaints per year as a result of this bill, any additional costs could be absorbed within existing resources.

Local Effect: Potential indeterminate increase in revenues and expenditures due to applicable penalty provisions.

Small Business Effect: None.

Information Sources: Attorney General’s Office (Consumer Protection Division); Secretary of State

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