

Department of Legislative Services  
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE  
Revised

Senate Bill 370 (Senator Ruben. *et al.*)

Finance

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**Insurance Hearings - Judicial Review**

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This bill requires an appeal to which an individual is a party, from an order resulting from a hearing held by the Insurance Commissioner, or from a refusal by the Commissioner to hold a hearing, to be taken to the circuit court of the county where the individual resides. Under current law, all appeals must be taken to the Baltimore City Circuit Court, except for appeals from the suspension or revocation of a certificate of authority of a domestic insurer, a certificate of qualification of an agent or broker, or a license of an advisor or public adjuster.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** Potential minimal increase in travel expenditures by the Maryland Insurance Administration. Revenues would not be affected.

**Local Effect:** None. Any shift in the caseload from the Baltimore City Circuit Court to other circuit courts would have a negligible effect on workload.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

**State Expenditures:** The three Assistant Attorneys General who represent the Insurance Commissioner in approximately 30 appeals to circuit court annually could have to do some additional traveling to the extent that appeals are taken to circuit courts other than Baltimore City's. While it cannot reliably be determined at this time how many of the cases would be taken to circuit courts other than Baltimore City's, any increase in travel expenditures is assumed to be minimal.

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**Information Source(s):** Maryland Insurance Administration, Judiciary (Administrative Office of the Courts), Office of Administrative Hearings, Department of Legislative

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