

**Department of Legislative Services**  
Maryland General Assembly

**FISCAL NOTE**

Senate Bill 540 (Senator Ferguson) (Bv Request)

Judicial Proceedings

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**Family Law - Temporary Ex Parte Orders**

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This bill authorizes a respondent in a proceeding for relief from abuse in which the respondent has been ordered to vacate the family home to request that a local law enforcement officer accompany the respondent to the home so that the respondent may remove clothing, personal effects, tools or equipment necessary for the respondent's employment, and attend to livestock needing attention.

The bill also provides that if a court awards temporary custody of a child in a proceeding for relief from abuse, the person awarded custody may not move out of state without the written approval of the respondent.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None. The bill's provisions would not directly affect State finances.

**Local Effect:** Potential minimal increase in workload for local law enforcement units. No effect on revenues.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Information Source(s):** Judiciary (Administrative Office of the Courts), Baltimore City, Montgomery and Worcester counties, Department of Legislative Services

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