

Department of Legislative Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

Revised

House Bill 161 (Delegate Branch. *et al.*)

Environmental Matters

Health - Female Genital Mutilation

This emergency bill prohibits female genital mutilation except for valid health reasons. A person who is guilty of female genital mutilation, including a parent who knowingly consents to female genital mutilation, is guilty of a felony and on conviction is subject to imprisonment for up to five years or a fine of up to \$5,000, or both.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The criminal penalty provision of this bill is not expected to significantly affect State finances or operations.

Local Effect: The criminal penalty provision of this bill is not expected to significantly affect local finances or operations.

Small Business Effect: None.

Information Source(s): Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (Community and Public Health Administration, Board of Physician Quality Assurance, Health Boards and Commissions); Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services; Department of Legislative Services

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