

Department of Legislative Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE
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House Bill 651 (Delegate Patterson. *et al.*)
Economic Matters

Occupational Safety and Health - Citations

This bill alters the time period within which the Division of Labor and Industry is required to issue citations for violations of the Maryland Occupational Safety and Health Act (MOSHA).

Under current law, the division is required to issue a citation based on an inspection “with reasonable promptness”. The bill requires the division to issue a citation based on an inspection with reasonable promptness, not to exceed the earlier of: (1) 90 days from the date of the closing conference on the inspection or investigation; or (2) 6 months from the occurrence of the violation. If the incident investigated by the division involves a fatality or serious physical harm, the division is required to issue a citation with reasonable promptness not to exceed 6 months from the date that the violation occurred.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. MOSH should be able to meet the bill’s requirements with existing resources and without falling outside of federal OSHA requirements. The bill would not affect the workload of the Office of Administrative Hearings.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Information Sources: Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation; Office of Administrative Hearings

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