

Department of Legislative Services  
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

Revised

House Bill 1351 (Delegate Guns)

Environmental Matters

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Hospital or Nursing Facility - Employee Name Tags

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This bill requires each hospital or nursing facility in Maryland to ensure that its employees wear a personal identification tag, except where inappropriate for medical reasons. It authorizes the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) to impose a fine of up to \$25 for each violation of the bill's provisions.

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** The bill's requirements could be handled with existing budgeted resources. Potential minimal increase in general fund revenues due to the bill's monetary penalty provision.

**Local Effect:** None. It is assumed that the bill's requirements could be handled with existing budgeted resources.

**Small Business Effect:** Minimal.

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Fiscal Analysis

**State Expenditures:** The bill codifies existing procedures for the State's psychiatric hospitals and chronic care hospitals. State residential centers for individuals with developmental disabilities do not require employees to wear identification tags. The cost of identification tags would be minimal. Additional identification tags and enforcement of the identification tag requirement could be handled with existing budgeted resources.

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