

Department of Legislative Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE**Revised**

Senate Bill 491 (Senator Neall. *et al.*)

Economic and Environmental Affairs

Solid Waste - Applications and Planning

The bill provides that permit applications for a refuse disposal system must contain a statement from the county where the system is to be located that the system meets all applicable zoning and land use requirements and is in conformity with the solid waste plan of the county. The bill prohibits the Secretary of the Department of the Environment (MDE) from accepting an incomplete permit application.

The bill requires MDE to cease processing the application until the county has completed its review of the proposed refuse disposal system.

The bill also provides that a county government, after a public hearing to review a county solid waste plan, which includes water supply systems, sewerage systems, solid waste disposal systems, solid waste acceptance facilities, and the systematic collection and disposal of solid waste, including litter: (1) must review the county plan; (2) may amend the plan as necessary; and (3) must adopt either the original plan or the amended plan.

This bill takes effect July 1, 1998.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The requirements of the bill would not materially alter MDE's operations of finances.

Local Effect: Minimal. The requirements of the bill could be handled with existing local government resources.

Small Business Effect: Minimal. Many local governments have a system in place similar

to that required by the bill. Therefore the bill would not place more significant requirements on small businesses.

Information Source(s): Maryland Department of the Environment; Anne Arundel, Carroll, Cecil, Harford, Montgomery, Queen Anne's and St. Mary's counties

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