

**Department of Legislative Services**  
Maryland General Assembly

**FISCAL NOTE**  
**Revised**

Senate Bill 501 (Senators Derr and Ferguson) (Frederick County Senators)

Judicial Proceedings

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**Frederick County - Alarm System Regulation**

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This bill provides that the Board of County Commissioners of Frederick County may adopt regulations to: (1) register alarm system contractors and alarm users in the county; (2) provide penalties for failure to register; (3) provide civil citations and penalties for false alarms; (4) provide exemptions from the issuance of civil citations and penalties for false alarms; (5) authorize the designated county enforcement agency to maintain records of each security system in operation in the county; and (6) authorize the designated county enforcement agency to notify specified persons if it finds a pattern of false alarms attributed to a particular manufacturer's model or to installation by a particular alarm system contractor.

The bill also provides that the civil citations under Section 156C of Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments do not apply to Frederick County if the Board of County Commissioners of Frederick County adopts regulations as authorized by this bill.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None. It is assumed that any provisions for civil citations and penalties that may be adopted by regulation by the board will not be significantly different than the current civil citations provided for in Article 27.

**Local Effect:** Potential minimal effect. Assuming that the Board of County Commissioners of Frederick County exercises its regulatory authority under the bill, it is assumed that the board would implement registration fees in order to recover any associated administration costs.

**Small Business Effect:** Potential minimal effect.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

**Additional Comments:** Security system technicians are currently regulated by the State Police.

**Information Source(s):** Department of State Police

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