

Department of Legislative Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE
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Senate Bill 631 (Senator Roesser)
Economic and Environmental Affairs

Environmental Permits - Renewal - Public Hearing

This bill requires the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) to follow the same notice and hearing procedures for permit renewals that it does for original permit applications whenever, in the department's discretion the renewed permit contains a material modification or there is a substantial ongoing violation of the existing permit at the time the renewal application is received by the department. These procedures include making applications available to the public for inspection and copying and providing the opportunity for an informational meeting upon written request. MDE may also require the renewal applicant to attend the meeting and may deny the permit renewal application for failure of the applicant to attend the informational meeting or public or contested case hearing.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. Costs associated with providing public notice and holding additional informational meetings or public hearings could be handled with MDE's existing resources.

Local Effect: Minimal. Local governments could experience a longer permit renewal process.

Small Business Effect: Minimal. Small businesses could experience a longer permit renewal process.

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