

Department of Legislative Services  
 Maryland General Assembly

**FISCAL NOTE**

House Bill 92 (Delegate Arnick)  
 Judiciary

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**Theft Offenses - Penalties**

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This bill increases, from \$1,000 to \$10,000, the maximum fine that may be imposed for a felony conviction of theft of property or services valued at \$300 or more. The current law maximum incarceration penalty remains at 15 years.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** Indeterminate general fund revenue increase under the bill's increased monetary penalty provision for those cases heard in the District Court, depending upon the number of convictions and fines imposed. Expenditures would not be affected.

**Local Effect:** Indeterminate revenue increase under the bill's increased monetary penalty provision for those cases heard in the circuit courts, depending upon the number of convictions and fines imposed. Expenditures would not be affected.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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