

Department of Legislative Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 932 (Delegate Valderrama)

Environmental Matters

Human Cloning - Prohibition

This bill prohibits State funding for human cloning.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The State is not funding human cloning research.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: Potential minimal.

Fiscal Analysis

Additional Comments: The issue of human cloning is currently being examined at the federal level. Several bills introduced in Congress would ban human cloning using somatic cell nuclear transfer technology, which puts the nucleus of a body cell into an egg cell from which the nucleus has been removed. Senate debate has focused on whether proposed federal legislation banning human cloning would effectively ban biomedical research to prevent and treat serious diseases. The President's National Bioethics Advisory Commission has recommended enactment of a federal statute banning human cloning, but with a sunset provision on the ban. Meanwhile, the federal Food and Drug Administration has stated its intent to regulate any attempt to clone a human being.

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