

Department of Legislative Services  
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE  
Revised

House Bill 992 (Delegate Pendergrass, *et al.*)  
Environmental Matters

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State Anatomy Board - Unclaimed Bodies

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This bill increases the time period, from 48 hours to 72 hours after death, in which an unclaimed body must be refrigerated by either the State Anatomy Board or a person who notifies the board of a death. It also alters the time period, from 48 hours to 72 hours after death, after which an unclaimed dead body is under the exclusive control of the board.

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** None. The Anatomy Board holds bodies for 14 days.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** Potential minimal.

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Fiscal Analysis

**Additional Comments:** There are approximately 600 unclaimed bodies in Maryland annually.

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