

Department of Legislative Services  
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE  
Revised

House Bill 1252 (Delegate Stocksdale)  
Environmental Matters

---

Food Processing - License Fee

---

This bill decreases, from \$150 to \$35, the maximum licensing fee for a seasonal three-month food processing operation that grows all the food it processes. A seasonal food processing operation may obtain a \$35 license only twice in a calendar year. The bill's provisions do not apply in Baltimore City, Montgomery County, and Prince George's County.

---

Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** General fund revenues decrease by a range of \$1,300 to \$2,600 in FY 1999; future year revenue decreases would be in the range of \$1,700 to \$3,500. Expenditures would not be affected.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** Potential meaningful. The bill would favorably affect small business seasonal food processing plants by decreasing the State license fee by \$115.

---

Fiscal Analysis

**State Revenues:** General fund revenues could decrease by a range of \$1,294 to \$2,588 in fiscal 1999, depending on the number of seasonal food processing operations that obtain a \$35 license twice vs. once a year. This estimate assumes: (1) a fee reduction of \$115 either once or twice a year; (2) 15 food processing plants would be affected; and (3) the bill's effective date of October 1, 1998. General fund revenues could decrease by a range of \$1,725 to \$3,450 on an annual basis.

---

**Information Source(s):** Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (Community and Public Health Administration); Garrett, Dorchester, and Prince George's counties;

Department of Legislative Services

**Fiscal Note History:**

First Reader - March 12, 1998

tlw

Revised - House Third Reader - April 1, 1998

---

Analysis by: Sue Friedlander

Direct Inquiries to:

Reviewed by: John Rixev

John Rixev, Coordinating Analyst

(410) 841-3710

(301) 858-3710