

Department of Legislative Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 1024 (Delegate Guns. *et al.*)

Environmental Matters

Refuse Disposal - Permit Applications - Departmental Processing

This bill requires the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) to cease processing a refuse disposal system permit after MDE has completed its preliminary phase 1 review and reported its findings until the county where the refuse disposal system is to be located has completed its review of the system and has provided MDE a written statement that the refuse system meets all applicable county zoning and land use requirements and is in conformity with the county solid waste plan.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill would not materially alter MDE's operations or finances.

Local Effect: Minimal. The requirements of the bill could be handled with existing local government resources.

Small Business Effect: Potential meaningful.

Fiscal Analysis

Small Business Effect: The bill could result in significant cost reductions for small businesses because it requires MDE to cease processing the application after phase 1 of the review process. MDE reports that approximately 50% of all refuse disposal system permits are issued to small businesses. These businesses would no longer incur costs associated with the later phases of the review process if they know in advance whether or not the system meets local requirements.

Information Source(s): Maryland Department of the Environment; Prince George's,

Washington, and Worcester counties; Department of Legislative Services

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