

Department of Legislative Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 1074 (Delegate Frush. *et al.*)

Environmental Matters

Patuxent Reservoirs Watershed

This bill standardizes the minimum development requirements for land in Howard, Montgomery, and Prince George's counties that is a part of the Patuxent reservoir watershed for the purpose of protecting the quality of the water in the watershed.

This bill takes effect June 1, 1998.

Fiscal Summary

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

Local Effect: Minimal. The Howard, Montgomery, and Prince George's county governments are currently undertaking many of the procedures required by the bill. Any additional activities or costs associated with the bill could be handled with existing resources.

Small Business Effect: Potential meaningful.

Fiscal Analysis

Small Business Effect: Landowners and small businesses involved in land development in Howard County could be impacted by the bill because the bill is more restrictive regarding development than current Howard County law. As a result, these persons could face increased development costs and lower property values if the land is not able to be developed. If land cannot be developed, there will be a negative impact on construction related businesses.

Information Source(s): Maryland Department of the Environment; Department of

Natural Resources; Office of Planning; Howard, Montgomery, and Prince George's counties; Department of Legislative Services

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