

Department of Legislative Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 1424 (Delegate Frank)

Environmental Matters

Tobacco Products - Display for Retail Sale

This bill provides that a retail seller of tobacco products may display a “tobacco product” only in an area that is normally inaccessible to customers, such as an area behind a counter or an overhead rack. Violators are guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to a fine of \$100.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Any impact on tobacco tax revenues is assumed to be minimal. Potential minimal effect on general fund revenues due to the bill’s monetary penalty provision. Expenditures would not be affected.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Information Sources: Comptroller of the Treasury (Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Unit),
Department of Legislative Services

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