

Department of Legislative Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 514 (Senators Dvson and Della)

Finance

Funeral Homes - Disclosure

This bill requires a funeral establishment to disclose the name of any business entity that has an ownership interest in the funeral home establishment on all items that display the name of the funeral home establishment, including advertisements and price lists but not including obituaries or funeral programs.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Potential indeterminate increase in general fund revenues and expenditures due to applicable penalty provisions. No effect on the Board of Morticians.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: Potential meaningful benefit for small funeral establishments to the extent that consumers of the death care industry prefer to deal with small local organizations. However, in the case of a sudden death where family members must plan a funeral on short notice during an emotional time, it is expected that this bill will not have a significant impact on small funeral establishments.

Information Sources: Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Department of Legislative Services

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