

Department of Legislative Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 604 (Senator Ferguson)

Judicial Proceedings

Crimes - Use of a Firearm in the Commission of a Felony

This bill repeals current law provisions that require the imposition of a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment of five years on a person who uses a concealable handgun or antique firearm in the commission of a felony or a crime of violence.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Minimal. The Division of Correction (DOC) received 254 offenders with this mandatory minimum sentence in 1997. However, since this mandatory minimum requirement is connected with the commission of another crime which is a felony or a crime of violence, it is unlikely that its elimination would have a significant effect on the actual minimum sentence served by such an offender. Accordingly, this bill is not expected to materially affect the operations or finances of DOC.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

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