

Department of Legislative Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 865 (Delegate M. Burns)

Judiciary

Courts - Civil Actions by Offenders - Limitations on Recovery

This bill provides that an individual convicted of a felony may not recover any damages in a civil action based on negligence if the individual's commission of that felony, or immediate flight from it, in any way proximately caused the individual's injuries.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill is similar to the prevailing doctrine of contributory negligence and is expected to apply in a limited number of cases. Therefore, any impact on the Judiciary's caseload is expected to be minimal.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

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