

Department of Legislative Services  
Maryland General Assembly

**FISCAL NOTE**

Senate Bill 145 (Senator Haines. *et al.*)

Judicial Proceedings

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**Partial-Birth Abortions - Prohibition**

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This bill prohibits the performance of partial-birth abortions unless necessary to save the life of the mother. Violators are guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction subject to a fine of \$1,000 or imprisonment for not more than two years, or both. The bill authorizes an alleged violator to seek a hearing before the Board of Physician Quality Assurance (BPQA) concerning whether the life of the mother was endangered and authorizes a court to delay trial for up to 30 days to allow the hearing to take place. It specifies the parties who can seek relief through civil action against a person who performs a partial-birth abortion.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** Potential minimal increase in general fund revenues and expenditures due to the bill's penalty provision. Any additional BPQA hearings could be handled with existing budgeted resources.

**Local Effect:** Potential minimal increase in revenues and expenditures due to the bill's penalty provision.

**Small Business Effect:** Potential minimal effect on small businesses.

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