

Department of Legislative Services  
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 1306 (Delegate D. Murphv)

Economic Matters

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**Real Property - New Home Warranties - Sound Abatement**

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This bill requires a contract of sale for the purchase of a new home with a new home warranty to include specific language regarding the construction of sound abatement barriers. The contract must state that the builder cannot warrant the construction of sound abatement barriers by any State or local government agency.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None. Assuming that the Consumer Protection Division will receive fewer than 50 complaints per year stemming from this bill, existing resources should be adequate to handle any additional workload.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** Minimal impact on small businesses.

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**Information Sources:** Office of the Attorney General (Consumer Protection Division),  
Department of Legislative Services

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