

Department of Legislative Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 77 (Delegate Baldwin)

Economic Matters

Scaffolding

This bill repeals certain provisions of law relating to safety standards for scaffolding. Specifically, this bill repeals: (1) the requirement for local police forces to inspect scaffolding when a safety complaint is made, to provide notice of inspection to the responsible person, and to instruct that person to alter the scaffolding so that it is safe; (2) safety standards relating to the weight of the scaffolding, the number of persons allowed on the scaffolding, and the lifeline requirement; and (3) the associated penalty provision.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. Current law requires local police officers to respond to complaints regarding unsafe scaffolding. However, the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation (Division of Labor and Industry) does not rely on this provision to address occupational safety and health issues within the Maryland Occupational Safety and Health (MOSH) program.

Local Effect: None. Although the current law requires town and city police departments to respond to unsafe scaffolding complaints, very few complaints have been made in the past. As a result, local government finances would not be affected.

Small Business Effect: None.

Information Sources: Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation; Howard County; City of Bowie; Montgomery County; Prince George's County; Somerset County; Town of Thurmont

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