

Department of Legislative Services  
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE  
Revised

House Bill 1137 (Chairman, Commerce and Government Matters Committee)  
(Departmental - Transportation)

Commerce and Government Matters

**Maryland Port Administration and Maryland Port Commission - Private Operating Companies**

This departmental bill authorizes the Maryland Port Commission to serve as the board of directors of any private operating company created by the Maryland Port Administration (MPA). The commission may appoint up to 12 management employees who will be considered employees of the State of Maryland to perform services for such companies. The commission may determine the qualifications, appointment, compensation, and leave for the employees. The commission must submit to the Secretary of Budget and Management each change to the salaries of such employees that is other than a general salary increase. The Secretary of Budget and Management must review the changes to determine if the changes would adversely affect special fund expenditures.

The commission must report to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 1 of each year on actions taken by the commission regarding the appointed employees. The bill is effective July 1, 1998.

**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** Transportation Trust Fund (TTF) expenditures could increase by \$150,000 in FY 1999 for expected salary increases. Future year expenditures reflect annual increases and employee turnover.

(in dollars)	FY 1999	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
SF Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
SF Expenditures	150,000	150,600	155,900	161,300	167,000
Net Effect	(\$150,000)	(\$150,600)	(\$155,900)	(\$161,300)	(\$167,000)

Note: ( ) - decrease; GF - general funds; FF - federal funds; SF - special funds

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** The Maryland Department of Transportation has determined that this bill has minimal or no impact on small businesses (attached). Legislative Services concurs with this assessment. (This assessment does not reflect any amendments to the bill.)

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### Fiscal Analysis

**State Effect:** This bill will allow up to 12 current employees of the MPA to be appointed to perform services for private operating companies created by MPA. MPA advises that 12 management-level employees, who are currently under the Transportation Service Human Resource System (TSHRS), would be taken out of the system and would be appointed to Maryland International Terminals, a private operating company. This will allow the Maryland Port Commission to set the salaries of such employees. MPA advises that it will increase the annual salaries for the 12 positions by approximately \$150,000. The salaries currently range from approximately \$66,000 to \$130,000. It is not known what the distribution of the salary increases will be.

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