

Department of Legislative Services  
Maryland General Assembly

**FISCAL NOTE**

Senate Bill 47 (Senator Colburn)

Finance

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**Caroline County - Limited Public-Use Pools**

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This bill restricts the authority of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) to regulate limited public-use pools in Caroline County at which the county operates a water safety instruction program. DHMH's authority is restricted to adopting regulations to ensure that the water quality is sanitary. It also restricts DHMH from enforcing any State regulations that are in conflict with the provisions of this bill.

The bill takes effect June 1, 1998.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None. Since this bill will apply in only one jurisdiction, State finances should not be affected.

**Local Effect:** Caroline County expenditures could decrease by \$4,650 in FY 1999. Revenues would not be affected.

**Small Business Effect:** Minimal.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

**Background:** A limited-use pool is defined in COMAR 10.17.01.05B(7) as a private pool made available for use by either children at a family day care home or by an organized group for swimming lessons or water safety training. In Caroline County, private residential pools are donated to the county for Red Cross swimming lessons because the county has no public pools. The county Department of Recreation and Parks operates seven pool sites and serves approximately 350 beginning level swimmers.

**Local Expenditures:** Abrogating the State regulation requiring that at least one lifeguard be on duty while an individual is in a pool could decrease Caroline County expenditures for

lifeguards by an estimated \$4,650 in fiscal 1999.

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**Information Source(s):** Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (Community and Public Health Administration), Caroline County, Department of Legislative Services

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