

Department of Legislative Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 637 (Senators Haines and Ferguson)
(Carroll County Senators)

Economic and Environmental Affairs

Forest Conservation Program - Agricultural Preservation Land - Exceptions

This bill exempts any activity conducted on land that has been placed into an agricultural land preservation easement administered by the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation from the requirements of the Forest Conservation Act.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Any increased workload associated with the requirements of the bill could be handled with the existing resources of the Maryland Department of Agriculture and the Department of Natural Resources.

Local Effect: Local governments will have another exemption that will have to be reviewed by zoning and planning staff. Any additional workload associated with reviewing more exemptions could be handled with existing resources.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

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