

Department of Legislative Services  
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 328 (Delegates Hecht and Donoghue)

Environmental Matters

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**Crematory Operators - Transporting Bodies**

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This bill authorizes a crematory operator to transport a body solely for the purpose of conducting a cremation. The bill also provides that the transportation of a dead human body by a crematory operator to a crematory does not constitute the practice of mortuary science. Under current law, only a licensed mortician or funeral director may transport a dead human body unless the body is transported by an unlicensed individual who is supervised by a licensed mortician or funeral director.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None. The bill does not directly affect State operations or finances.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** Minimal.

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**Information Source(s):** Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (State Board of Morticians), Department of Legislative Services

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