

Department of Legislative Services  
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

Revised

House Bill 299 (Delegate Pendergrass. *et al.*)

Economic Matters

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**Workers' Compensation - Domestic Servants - Election to be Covered Employee**

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This amended bill authorizes an individual who is employed as a domestic servant and the employer of the individual to jointly elect for the domestic servant to be covered by workers' compensation law, even if the domestic servant earns less than the required quarterly amount that would require workers' compensation coverage. Under current law, domestic servants must be covered employees if they earn at least \$750 in cash in a calendar quarter from that household, but otherwise are not required to be covered. An election for coverage can only be made by an individual at least 16 years old or by a parent or guardian of an individual who is less than 16 years old.

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**Fiscal Summary**

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

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None. Any additional coverage is voluntary on the part of the employer.

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**Information Source(s):** Uninsured Employers' Fund, Workers' Compensation Commission, Department of Legislative Services

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