

Department of Legislative Services  
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 319 (Delegate La Vav. *et al.*)

Environmental Matters

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**Critical Area - Impervious Surfaces - Exemption**

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This bill exempts gapped wooden decks with pervious surface underneath as well as the water surface of swimming pools from the calculations for the impervious surface restrictions under the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area Program.

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**Fiscal Summary**

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

**Local Effect:** Potential minimal increase in expenditures and revenues.

**Small Business Effect:** Potential minimal.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

**Local Expenditures:** Should more property owners decide to construct gapped wooden decks or swimming pools under this legislation, local government review of such activities in critical areas could increase. In most cases, local governments charge a fee for review activities that would offset these expenditures. Any fiscal impact from this increase in critical area review is expected to be minimal.

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