

Department of Legislative Services  
Maryland General Assembly

**FISCAL NOTE**

House Bill 729 (Delegate Minnick)

Economic Matters

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**Funeral Homes and Cemeteries - Disclosure**

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This bill requires a funeral establishment and a cemetery to disclose on each price list and contract in 10-point boldface type the identity of any corporate or other entity that has any ownership or other interest in the funeral establishment or cemetery.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** Potential indeterminate increase in general fund revenues and expenditures due to applicable penalty provisions. No effect on the Office of Cemetery Oversight or the Board of Morticians.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** Potential meaningful benefit for small funeral establishments and cemeteries to the extent that consumers of the death care industry prefer to deal with small local organizations. However, in the case of a sudden death where family members must plan a funeral on short notice during an emotional time, it is expected that this bill will not have a significant impact on small funeral establishments or cemeteries.

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**Information Sources:** Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation; Department of Legislative Services

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