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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 220 (Chairman, Environmental Matters Committee)
(Departmental - Agriculture)

Environmental Matters

Weights and Measures - Registration Fees

This departmental bill repeals the \$275 maximum per location fee for retail motor fuel dispenser meters of under 20 gallons per minute. The fee of \$15 per dispenser meter remains the same.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Special fund revenue increase of approximately \$143,000 annually beginning in FY 2000. No effect on expenditures.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: The Maryland Department of Agriculture has determined that this bill has minimal or no impact on small business (attached). Legislative Services concurs with this assessment.

Fiscal Analysis

State Effect: Under current law the annual fee for registering gasoline pump meters is \$15 per device up to the maximum of \$275 per location. As a result, gasoline stations with more than 18 pumps do not pay more than \$275 to register all their pump meters. The bill eliminates the \$275 per location cap. The Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA) advises that there are approximately 9,500 pump meters at 1,000 locations across the State that would be affected by the bill. Accordingly, special fund revenues increase by approximately \$143,000 annually beginning in fiscal 2000 (9,500 meters x \$15). These revenues are deposited in the Weights and Measures Fund.

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