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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 560 (Delegate Palumbo, *et al.*)

Environmental Matters

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**Crimes - Distribution of Herbal Cigarettes to Minors - Prohibited**

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This bill extends the prohibition against the distribution or sale of tobacco products to minors to include "herbal cigarettes." In addition, the bill prohibits a minor from using, purchasing, or presenting falsified identification to purchase herbal cigarettes.

The bill also prohibits the distribution of coupons redeemable for any herbal cigarettes to any minor.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** Enforcement could be handled with existing resources. General fund revenues could increase by a minimal amount as a result of the applicable monetary penalty provisions.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** Potential minimal.

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**Information Source(s):** Comptroller of the Treasury (Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Unit)

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