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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 512 (Delegate Weir. *et al.*)

Economic Matters

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**Sprinkler Systems - New Single-Family Residential Dwellings**

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This bill requires builders of “single-family residential dwellings,” begun or permitted after October 1, 1999, to offer to a prospective buyer, prior to the signing of a construction contract, the option of having sprinkler systems installed. The bill requires sprinkler systems to be installed in accordance with accepted engineering practices that meet the standard for installation of sprinkler systems in residential occupancies as adopted in the regulations of the State Fire Prevention Commission or the local authority having jurisdiction over the enforcement of fire and building codes. If any exemption is made to this provision, the builder must disclose this information to the prospective buyer before the signing of a contract for the construction or purchase of a single-family residential dwelling.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None. The bill would not materially alter State operations and finances.

**Local Effect:** Minimal.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Information Source(s):** Department of State Police; Carroll, Montgomery, and Prince George's Counties; Department of Legislative Services

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