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FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 62 (Chairman, Economic and Environmental Affairs Committee)
(Departmental - Secretary of State)

Economic and Environmental Affairs

Secretary of State - Trademarks and Service Marks - Disclosure of Information

This departmental bill authorizes the Secretary of State to charge a reasonable fee to provide lists of public trademark and service mark information for a purpose approved by the Secretary. The list cannot be used for telephone solicitation, and the fee must be at least 5 cents per mark and cover the cost of the list.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: General fund revenues could increase by approximately \$125 annually as a result of increased list fees.

Local Effect: None.

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

Fiscal Analysis

State Effect: Currently, COMAR 01.02.05.14A(1) sets the fee for the sale of a list at \$25. At the bill's minimum fee of 5 cents per name, a complete list would cost about \$150 and a partial list would cost about \$25. In recent years, the Secretary of State has provided approximately 1 complete list and 5 partial lists annually. Based on this, general fund revenues could increase by \$125.

Information Source: Secretary of State

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