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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 1133 (Delegates Redmer and Klausmeier)

Economic Matters

Martial Art Competitions - Safety Requirements

This bill prohibits participants in a martial art competition that involves physical contact between competitors and who are ranked at less than black belt level or its equivalent from using maneuvers that involve full head contact. Participants who are restricted from using maneuvers that involve full head contact may use maneuvers involving controlled light head contact.

The bill requires the organizer of a martial art competition to (1) provide a ringside physician at each match that is expected to involve physical contact between participants; and (2) provide a written disclosure of the bill's requirements.

Violators are guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to a fine not exceeding \$2,000 and/or imprisonment not exceeding six months.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The criminal penalty provisions of the bill are not expected to significantly affect State finances or operations.

Local Effect: The criminal penalty provisions of the bill are not expected to significantly affect local finances or operations.

Small Business Effect: Potential meaningful. A small business organizer would have to provide a ringside physician at each match that is expected to involve physical contact between participants.

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