

Department of Legislative Services
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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 964 (Delegate Rosenberg. *et al.*)

Judiciary

Crimes - Offenses Against Medical Facility Visitors

This bill prohibits a person, after a reasonable warning or request to desist, from physically following or maliciously engaging in a “course of conduct” that intentionally alarms or harasses an individual who enters or exits a medical facility. The bill also prohibits a person from committing a crime against an individual or damaging an individual’s property after observing the individual enter or exit a medical facility. Violators are guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to maximum penalties of a fine of \$1,000 and/or imprisonment for 90 days.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Potential minimal general fund revenue increase due to the bill’s monetary penalty provision. Expenditures would not be affected.

Local Effect: Potential minimal expenditure increase due to the bill’s incarceration penalty provision. Revenues would not be affected.

Small Business Effect: None.

Fiscal Analysis

State Revenues: General fund revenues could increase minimally as a result of the bill’s monetary penalty provision because these cases would be heard in the District Court. The number of people convicted of this proposed crime is expected to be minimal.

Local Expenditures: Expenditures could increase as a result of the bill’s incarceration penalty. Counties pay the full cost of incarceration for the first 90 days of the sentence, plus

part of the per diem cost after 90 days. Per diem operating costs of local detention facilities are expected to range from \$15 to \$80 per inmate in fiscal 2000.

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