

**Department of Legislative Services**  
Maryland General Assembly  
1999 Session

**FISCAL NOTE**

House Bill 247 (Delegate Grosfeld)

Judiciary

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**Family Law - Alimony**

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This bill provides that, as part of a decree that grants a limited or absolute divorce, the court may award alimony to either party, regardless of whether the party seeking alimony alleges or proves the existence of a ground that would entitle that party to a limited or absolute divorce.

The bill applies only to cases filed on or after the bill's October 1, 1999 effective date.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None. The bill would not directly affect governmental finances.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Information Source(s):** Judiciary (Administrative Office of the Courts), Department of Legislative Services

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