

**Department of Legislative Services**  
Maryland General Assembly  
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**FISCAL NOTE**

**Revised**

House Bill 947 (Delegate Benson)

Commerce & Government Matters

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**Fire and Rescue Services - Local Government - Contracting with For-Profit Entities**

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This bill prohibits a county or municipality that collectively bargains with fire, emergency medical services, paramedic, or rescue personnel from contracting with for-profit entities to provide fire, ambulance, or rescue services without the enactment of an ordinance or local law authorizing the action. The enactment of a local budget bill does not satisfy the ordinance or local law requirement of this bill. The bill's provisions do not apply to non-emergency transportation or ambulance billing services performed by an ambulance service or any other provider. Currently there are no privatized fire, emergency medical, paramedic, or rescue services in the State.

The bill is effective July 1, 1999.

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**Fiscal Summary**

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

**Local Effect:** None. Should a county or municipality seek to privatize these services, any costs associated with enacting an ordinance or local law could be handled with existing resources.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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