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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 78 (Delegates T. Murphv and McHale)

Environmental Matters

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**Environmental Permits - Renewal - Public Hearing**

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This bill requires the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) to follow the same notice and hearing procedures for permit renewals that it does for original permit applications. These procedures include: (1) making applications available to the public for inspection and copying; (2) providing the opportunity for an informational meeting upon written request; (3) requiring the renewal applicant to attend the meeting; and (4) denying the permit renewal application for failure of the applicant to attend the informational meeting or public or contested case hearing.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None. Costs associated with providing public notice and holding additional informational meetings or public hearings could be handled with MDE's existing resources.

**Local Effect:** Minimal. Local governments could experience a longer permit renewal process.

**Small Business Effect:** Minimal. Small businesses could experience a longer permit renewal process.

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