

Department of Legislative Services  
Maryland General Assembly  
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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 390 (Delegate Marriott. *et al.*)

Judiciary

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**Criminal Procedure - Criminal Malfeasance, Misfeasance, or Nonfeasance - Statute of Limitations**

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This bill provides that a prosecution of a State or local government officer for the commission of or the attempt or conspiracy to commit misdemeanor criminal malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance in office may be instituted at any time.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** The bill would not significantly impact governmental operations or finances.

**Local Effect:** The bill would not significantly impact governmental operations or finances.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** A prosecution for criminal malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance in office committed by a State or local government officer must be instituted within two years after the offense was committed.

The Office of the State Prosecutor is responsible for prosecuting these offenses.

**State Fiscal Effect:** It is expected that any additional prosecutions that would result from the bill could be handled by the Office of the State Prosecutor, the court system, and the prison and probation systems using existing budgeted resources.

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## Additional Information

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

**Information Source(s):** Office of the State Prosecutor, Maryland State's Attorneys' Association, Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (Division of Correction), Department of Legislative Services

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