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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 780 (Delegate Giannetti)

Judiciary

Family Law - Domestic Violence Orders - Evidence in Divorce Proceedings

This bill provides that an order or decision in a domestic violence proceeding is inadmissible as evidence in a divorce proceeding for the purpose of proving that abuse occurred.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill's change in an evidentiary standard would not significantly impact governmental operations or finances.

Local Effect: The bill's change in an evidentiary standard would not significantly impact governmental operations or finances.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: An order or decision in a domestic violence proceeding is inadmissible as evidence in a divorce proceeding.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: A similar bill (HB 30) was introduced during the 1999 session and received an unfavorable report by the House Judiciary Committee.

Cross File: None.

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