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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 1030 (Delegates R. Baker and Marriott)

Judiciary

Elephants - Entertainment Purposes - Prohibition

This bill prohibits a person from using a live elephant for entertainment purposes in the State. This applies to a live elephant used in a carnival, circus, fair, contest, promotion, or similar public or private entertainment. Violators are guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to a fine of up to \$2,500 and/or imprisonment up to six months.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill's criminal penalty provisions would not materially affect State operations or finances.

Local Effect: Enforcement could be handled with existing resources.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Current Law: Elephants are covered by the various animal cruelty laws.

Background: There have been ten to 15 elephant "rampages" in the last four years worldwide. Some attribute these incidents to the training that elephants are given.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: Identical bills were introduced as HB 1030 in 1998 and HB 928 in 1999. Both received an unfavorable report from the House Judiciary Committee.

Cross File: None.

Information Source(s): Department of State Police; Anne Arundel, Montgomery, and Prince George's counties; Department of Legislative Services

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