

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

Senate Bill 124 (Senator Della)

Judicial Proceedings

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**Estates and Trusts - Filing of Death Certificate**

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This bill requires that a petition for probate of a decedent's estate be accompanied by a certified copy of the decedent's death certificate.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None. By practice, the Registers of Wills currently require a death certificate to accompany the petition for probate of a decedent's estate.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** An applicant who meets certain conditions, or a trust company, may file a petition to be appointed personal representative of the estate. This petition must list the decedent's date of death and be signed by both the petitioner and an attorney.

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**Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

**Information Source(s):** Judiciary (Administrative Office of the Courts), Registers of Wills, Department of Legislative Services

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