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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 1166 (Delegate V. Jones. *et al.*)

Environmental Matters

Crimes - Undergarments - Retail and Wholesale Establishments

This bill prohibits a person from trying on clothing in a retail or wholesale establishment without wearing the appropriate undergarment. Violators are guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to maximum penalties of a fine of \$500 and/or imprisonment for up to 90 days.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Potential minimal increase in general fund revenues and expenditures due to the bill's penalty provisions.

Local Effect: Potential minimal increase in expenditures due to the bill's incarceration penalty provision.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Current Law: Retail and wholesale clothing establishments routinely post signs requesting that patrons wear appropriate undergarments when trying on swimsuits. This practice is voluntary and is not addressed in State law.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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