

Department of Legislative Services  
Maryland General Assembly  
2000 Session

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 898 (Frederick County Delegation)

Judiciary

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**Frederick County - Crimes - Fire, Rescue, and Ambulance Services**

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This bill repeals the criminal penalties for providing firefighting, rescue, or ambulance services without the proper authorization from the Frederick County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association, Inc. and the Frederick County Board of County Commissioners. The civil penalties still apply.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** None. Frederick County advises that the law has never been applied.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** It is unlawful for persons or associations to provide any formally organized firefighting, rescue, or ambulance services without the proper authorization from the Frederick County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association, Inc. and the Frederick County Board of County Commissioners. A person convicted of the offense is subject to a fine of up to \$1,000 per offense or imprisonment up to six months, or both. A person or association may also be subject to a civil penalty of up to \$2,000, recoverable by the board of county commissioners, and may be enjoined from violating the law.

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**Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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