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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 399 (Delegate Baldwin. *et al.*)

Economic Matters

Scaffolding

This bill repeals provisions of law relating to safety standards for scaffolding. Specifically, the bill repeals: (1) the requirement for local police forces to inspect scaffolding when a safety complaint is made, to provide notice of inspection to the responsible person, and to instruct that person to alter the scaffolding so that it is safe; (2) safety standards relating to the weight of the scaffolding, the number of persons allowed on the scaffolding, and the lifeline requirement; and (3) the associated penalty provision.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. Current law requires local police officers to respond to complaints regarding unsafe scaffolding. However, the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation (Division of Labor and Industry) does not rely on this provision to address occupational safety and health issues within the Maryland Occupational Safety and Health program.

Local Effect: None. Although the current law requires town and city police departments to respond to unsafe scaffolding complaints, very few complaints have been made in the past. As a result, local government finances would not be affected.

Small Business Effect: None.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: The bill was introduced as HB 77 in the 1998 session. It received an unfavorable report from the House Economic Matters Committee.

Cross File: None.

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Montgomery County; Prince George's County; Queen Anne's County; Department of Legislative Services

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