Department of Legislative Services

Maryland General Assembly 2000 Session

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 459

(Delegates Heller and Barve)

Judiciary

Family Law - Prohibited Marriages - First Cousins

This bill prohibits an individual from marrying a first cousin. Violators are guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to a \$500 fine.

The bill may not be applied to any marriage between first cousins before the bill's October 1, 2000 effective date.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill would not materially affect governmental operations or finances.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Marrying a first cousin is not prohibited.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

Information Source(s): Judiciary (Administrative Office of the Courts), Department of

Legislative Services

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