

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

House Bill 740 (Delegate Morhaim)  
Environmental Matters

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**Agriculture - Antibiotic and Hormone Use - Reporting**

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This bill requires the Secretary of Agriculture to submit a report about the use of antibiotics and hormones in agriculture to specified committees of the General Assembly and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene by October 1 of each year. The bill outlines the requirements for the report and provides that the report may not disclose the actions of any individual with respect to the use of antibiotics or hormones in agriculture.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** The bill's requirements could be handled with existing budgeted resources.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** Minimal.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** None applicable.

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**Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** HB 293 of 2000, among other things, would have required the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to study the effects of the use of antibiotics and heavy metals in animal feed. The bill received an unfavorable report by the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Cross File:** SB 692 (Senator Hollinger) – Economic and Environmental Affairs.

**Information Source(s):** Maryland Department of Agriculture, Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Department of Legislative Services

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