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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 173 (Delegate Montague, *et al.*)
Judiciary

Abandoned Infants

This bill defines an “abandoned infant” as being an infant not more than one year old who appears to have been deserted by the child’s natural parents or legal guardian. A court may find that a child is an abandoned infant if no one has claimed to be the child’s natural parent within 30 days of the abandonment.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill would not substantively change State activities or operations.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: A parent currently has two months to reclaim a child, regardless of age, before the child is declared to have been abandoned.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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