

Department of Legislative Services

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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 1174

(Delegate Stull, *et al.*)

Environmental Matters

Breath Testing for Alcohol

This bill adds breath from the human body to the list of specimens that may be used for job-related alcohol use or abuse testing, allows an employer to require that a person submit a specimen to be tested for the use or abuse of alcohol, and requires that an individual who tests positive be given a second test on a breath analyzer approved by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH). DHMH is also required to adopt regulations governing the certification of persons who conduct alcohol or controlled dangerous substance abuse testing. The regulations must require that all tests indicating the use of alcohol or a controlled dangerous substance be confirmed by a scientifically recognized method of testing capable of providing quantitative information about alcohol or a controlled dangerous substance.

Fiscal Summary

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

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Current Law: A specimen includes blood, urine, or hair derived from the human body.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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