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**FISCAL NOTE**  
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House Bill 636 (Delegate Cryor, *et al.*)

Environmental Matters

Economic and Environmental Affairs

**Maryland Cancer Registry - Reporting of Central Nervous System Tumors**

This bill requires facilities that diagnose or care for patients with “central nervous system tumors” to report such tumors to the Maryland Cancer Registry, regardless of whether the tumor is malignant or benign.

**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** General fund expenditures could increase by an estimated \$4,900 in FY 2002. Future year expenditures reflect annualization and inflation. Revenues would not be affected.

(in dollars)	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
GF Expenditure	4,900	5,000	5,000	5,100	5,100
Net Effect	(\$4,900)	(\$5,000)	(\$5,000)	(\$5,100)	(\$5,100)

*Note:() = decrease; GF = general funds; FF = federal funds; SF = special funds; - = indeterminate effect*

**Local Effect:** Minimal.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

**Analysis**

**Bill Summary:** Central nervous system tumor means a primary tumor in: (1) the brain; (2) the caudae equina; (3) a cranial nerve; (4) the craniopharyngeal duct; (5) the meninges; (6) the pineal gland; (7) the pituitary gland; or (8) the spinal cord. A central nervous system tumor also includes a primary intracranial tumor.

**Current Law:** The Maryland Cancer Registry is a computerized data system which registers all cases of reportable human cancers diagnosed or treated in Maryland. The Maryland cancer reporting law requires all hospitals, hospital laboratories, free-standing laboratories, radiation treatment centers, and out-of-State laboratories which are licensed in the State to submit data reports of each human cancer either diagnosed or treated in Maryland within six months of diagnosis or initial treatment.

**State Fiscal Effect:** General fund expenditures could increase by an estimated \$4,920 in fiscal 2002. This estimate reflects the cost of contractual expenses that will provide for the actual collection of data. The information and assumptions used in calculating the estimate are stated below:

- 164 benign brain tumors per year; and
- contractual services of \$30 per case.

**Total FY 2002 State Expenditures      \$4,920**

Future year expenditures reflect 1% annual increases in ongoing operating expenses.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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