

Department of Legislative Services

Maryland General Assembly

2001 Session

FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 76 (Senator Green)

Judicial Proceedings

Weapons - Disarming Law Enforcement or Correctional Personnel - Penalty

This bill alters current law provisions relating to disarming or attempting to disarm specified law enforcement or correctional personnel acting within the scope of their employment. Specifically, the bill adds chemical sprays and batons as articles that may not be removed from such an employee. The current law penalties for the offense are not altered.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Minimal. The applicable criminal penalty provisions of this bill are not expected to significantly affect State finances or operations.

Local Effect: Minimal. The applicable criminal penalty provisions of this bill are not expected to significantly affect local finances or operations.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: A person may not knowingly remove or attempt to remove a firearm from certain law enforcement or correctional personnel. It is a felony offense subject to a fine up to \$10,000 or imprisonment up to ten years, or both.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: Similar bills were introduced during the 2000 session (SB 5), the 1999 session (SB 2), and the 1998 session (SB 179). All passed the Senate but received an unfavorable report from the House Judiciary Committee.

Cross File: None.

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