

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

House Bill 847 (Delegate La Vay)  
Judiciary

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**Highways - Violation of Outdoor Advertising Laws - Penalty**

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This bill provides that a person who erects a sign in violation of outdoor advertising laws is subject to a civil penalty of up to \$100, unless the person has been convicted of a misdemeanor for violating provisions relating to outdoor advertising. The bill also establishes a rebuttable presumption that an outdoor sign erected in violation of any outdoor advertising law is erected by the person being advertised by the sign.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None. Any increase in court proceedings could be handled with existing resources. Any increase or decrease in revenues from fines is assumed to be minimal.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** Any person who violates provisions related to outdoor advertising signs under Title 8 of the Transportation Article is guilty of a misdemeanor and, on conviction, is subject to a fine not exceeding \$500. These provisions include requirements for a permit and permit fee, restrictions on lighting, size, location, and duration of the sign, and any applicable local zoning laws.

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## **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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