

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

House Bill 1247      (Delegates Ports and Redmer)  
Judiciary

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**Controlled Dangerous Substances - Use of Minors - Penalties**

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This bill increases the maximum monetary penalty for a person convicted of bringing a minor into Maryland in order to use the minor to manufacture, distribute, or deliver a controlled dangerous substance from \$20,000 to \$50,000.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** Potential minimal increase in revenues due to the bill's maximum monetary penalty provision.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** A person may not hire, solicit, engage, or use a minor to manufacture, deliver, or distribute on behalf of that person a controlled dangerous substance in sufficient quantity to reasonably indicate an intent to distribute the controlled dangerous substance. This prohibition does not prohibit a person from hiring, soliciting, engaging, or using a minor to manufacture, deliver, or distribute a controlled dangerous substance if the activity has a lawful purpose. A person may not bring a minor into the State to use the minor to violate this prohibition or other related drug offense prohibitions. A violator is guilty of a felony and subject to maximum penalties of a fine of \$20,000 and/or imprisonment for 20 years.

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## **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** HB 961 of 2001, after a hearing before the House Judiciary Committee, was withdrawn.

**Cross File:** None.

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