

**Department of Legislative Services**  
Maryland General Assembly  
2005 Session

**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**

House Bill 1213

(Delegate McComas, *et al.*)

Economic Matters

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**Alcohol Without Liquid Machines**

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This bill prohibits a person from using, purchasing, or offering for sale an alcohol without liquid (AWOL) machine. A violator is guilty of a misdemeanor and faces a fine of up to \$1,000; each violation is a separate offense.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** Because it is assumed that the bill would apply in a limited number of cases, State finances would not be materially impacted.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** There is no prohibition against using, purchasing, or selling an AWOL machine in the State of Maryland.

**Background:** An AWOL machine vaporizes alcoholic beverages and blends them with oxygen, creating a mist which is then inhaled through the mouth. This is a new product which has recently been introduced into the marketplace.

Legislation has been recently introduced in at least a dozen states which would prohibit the use of alcohol vaporizing devices.

**State Fiscal Effect:** State general fund revenues would increase by up to \$1,000 for each convicted violator. While it is unknown how many violators there would be, it is assumed that the number would be minimal.

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## **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

**Information Source(s):** Comptroller's Office, Baltimore County, Charles County, Frederick County, Montgomery County, Prince George's County, Somerset County, Department of Legislative Services

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