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House Bill 749
Judiciary

(Delegate Waldstreicher, *et al.*)

Judicial Proceedings

Correctional Services - Division of Parole and Probation - Supervision Fee

This bill requires the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS) and the appropriate local detention center, on the release of an individual supervised by the Division of Parole and Probation (DPP), to provide the individual with an oral and a written notice relating to the criteria and application process for an exemption from the required monthly supervision fee.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill's notification requirements can be handled with the existing budgeted resources of the Parole Commission, the Division of Correction, and DPP. The extent to which the notifications may change the number of applications, or fee exemption granted, cannot be readily predicted. Because a supervision fee has been in place since 1991, it is assumed that any resulting change would be minimal.

Local Effect: The bill's notification requirements can be handled with the existing budgeted resources of local detention facilities.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Legislation adopted in 1991 mandated the imposition of monthly supervision fees for offenders supervised by DPP. Until 2005, the monthly fees of \$40 for parolees and mandatory supervision releases and \$25 for probationers had remained unchanged since their inception. Chapter 444 of 2005 (Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act of 2005) increased the supervision fee charged to probationers to

\$40 per month for five years, making the monthly fee consistent for all supervisees. The supervision fees collected are paid into the general fund. Probationers under supervision before 2005, continue to pay the \$25 monthly fee.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: SB 362 (Senators Raskin and Ramirez) - Judicial Proceedings.

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