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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

Senate Bill 839 (Senator Waugh)  
Judicial Proceedings

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**St. Mary's County - Violations of Ordinances, Rules, and Regulations - Penalties**

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This bill consolidates and makes uniform certain civil and criminal penalty provisions for violations of various ordinances, rules, and regulations concerning subdivision, zoning, roads and other public ways, bridges, public safety, and sedimentation control adopted or enacted by the St. Mary's County Commissioners. The bill also provides that a violation of a public safety ordinance is a civil infraction and that every day a violation continues is a separate civil offense, and authorizes St. Mary's County to bring an action for an injunction against a person who violates a public safety ordinance, rule, or regulation to require the correction or elimination of a violation.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** The bill does not significantly affect St. Mary's County operations or finances.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** Local governments may provide that violations of specified ordinances and resolutions are punishable as misdemeanors and are subject to fines of up to \$1,000 and/or imprisonment of up to six months.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** HB 599 (St. Mary's County Delegation) - Environment and Transportation.

**Information Source(s):** St. Mary's County, Judiciary (Administrative Office of the Courts), Department of Legislative Services

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