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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE
First Reader

Senate Bill 573

(Senator McCray)(By Request - Baltimore City
Administration)

Judicial Proceedings

Baltimore City - Ordinance Enforcement - Amount of Fines and Penalties

This bill increases, from \$1,000 to \$10,000, the maximum civil and criminal fines and penalties Baltimore City may impose for the violation of any ordinance, rule, or regulation established by the city, as specified.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill does not materially affect State operations or finances.

Local Effect: Baltimore City revenues may increase, beginning in FY 2026, to the extent that higher fines or penalties are imposed for civil or criminal offenses. Baltimore City expenditures are not affected.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Baltimore City is authorized to provide civil and criminal fines and penalties for the violation of any ordinance, rule, or regulation established by the city, as specified. The maximum fine or penalty for these violations is \$1,000.

In fiscal 2023, Baltimore City collected \$7.7 million in fines that were imposed by the Baltimore City Environmental Control Board. In addition, Baltimore City collected \$3,140 from civil citations.

Additional Information

Recent Prior Introductions: Similar legislation has not been introduced within the last three years.

Designated Cross File: HB 1009 (Delegate Wells) - Judiciary.

Information Source(s): Baltimore City; Department of Legislative Services

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