

Department of Legislative Services
Maryland General Assembly
2025 Session

FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE
First Reader

House Bill 1506 (Delegate Taylor)
Environment and Transportation

Municipalities - Enforcement of Ordinances and Resolutions

This bill increases, from \$1,000 to \$5,000, the maximum fine that may be imposed by a municipality for the enforcement of a misdemeanor or municipal infraction, as specified.

Fiscal Summary

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

Local Effect: Local government revenues increase to the extent higher fines are imposed for misdemeanors and municipal infractions under the bill. Local government expenditures are not affected.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: A penalty for a violation of a municipal ordinance or resolution that is a misdemeanor under local law may not exceed six months of imprisonment or a fine of \$1,000 or both.

A municipality may classify as a municipal infraction (1) a violation of an ordinance or regulation concerning zoning and land use and (2) littering in the municipality, as specified. A municipality may impose a fine up to \$1,000 for each municipal infraction. A municipal infraction is a civil offense.

Additional Information

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

Designated Cross File: SB 820 (Senators Watson and Rosapepe) - Judicial Proceedings.

Information Source(s): Judiciary (Administrative Office of the Courts); Maryland Municipal League; Department of Legislative Services

Fiscal Note History: First Reader - April 2, 2025
js/tso

Analysis by: Kayvon Samadani

Direct Inquiries to:
(410) 946-5510
(301) 970-5510