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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE
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House Bill 148

(Delegate McConkey, *et al.*)

Health and Government Operations

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

State Government - Refund of Fees - Policy

This bill specifies that it is the policy of the State that a unit must, to the extent practicable, refund a fee paid by a person if the person paid the fee in error. “Unit” means a department, agency, board, office, commission, or other body in State government that is (1) created under State law and (2) authorized to charge a person a fee for a license, permit, or other service. “Unit” includes the sheriff of each county and the sheriff’s deputies.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Assuming that the bill codifies the existing practice of governmental units generally, the bill is not expected to materially affect State finances.

Local Effect: Assuming that the bill codifies the existing practice of governmental units generally, the bill is not expected to materially affect local government finances.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law/Background: Statute is silent as to the State’s policy on the refund of fees paid in error. However, State and local units of government generally report that their current practice is to refund such fees.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

Information Source(s): Anne Arundel, Dorchester, and Howard counties; Board of Public Works; Office of the Attorney General (Consumer Protection Division); Department of Human Resources; Maryland Department of the Environment; Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; Maryland Insurance Administration; Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation; Maryland Department of Transportation; Department of Legislative Services

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