



FREDERICK COUNTY COUNCIL

Local Government Fiscal Estimate of Legislation

CONTACT INFORMATION AND GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

Bill Number/Reference:	16-12
Bill Title:	Allowing Medical Cannabis Grower Pilot Program in the Agricultural Zoning District
Local Government Agency:	Frederick County Divisions of Finance, Planning & Permitting and Sheriff's Office
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Date Submitted:	August 1, 2016

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Date:																			
<p>Please respond to the questions below. If you prefer to provide responses or additional information in a separate file or document, send the file or document in a separate e-mail to rcherney@frederickcountymd.gov with the bill number/reference in the subject line.</p>																			
1.	Describe the impact of this proposed legislation on your agency (operations, revenues, expenditures, etc). If there is no impact, please explain why.																		
<p>The allowance of medical cannabis growers under a pilot program with a special exception in the County's Agriculture Zoning District will have a negligible impact on the Planning & Permitting Division. Any impacts resulting from the adoption of this bill can be adequately accommodated by existing staffing levels, fees and operations. The State of MD is issuing a limited number of growers licenses which would limit the total number of growers in the State, and consequently, in Frederick County as well.</p> <p>The Sheriff has raised concern about these operations being permitted in the agricultural zone for a number of reasons. He believes this activity will draw more crime into rural areas where the police presence is lower.</p> <p>However, any impacts to the Frederick County Sheriff's Office would most likely be in the form of additional calls for service, investigations or alarm responses. The fiscal impacts of these services are anticipated to be absorbed by the Sheriff's Office in the normal course of operations and budget.</p>																			
2.	Please indicate whether the proposed legislation will affect small businesses in Frederick County, and if it will, please provide any information you may have which could be useful in determining the economic impact on small businesses.																		
<p>The type of use proposed is limited and specialized, and as a result, the approval of the bill would have a negligible impact on small business.</p>																			
FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY – SHOW (DECREASE) IN PARENTHESES																			
<u>REVENUES</u>																			
3.	Analysis of estimated increase (or decrease) in government revenues . Please estimate below any anticipated increase (or decrease) in revenues resulting from this legislation. Please be aware of any delayed effective dates in the bill or other factors that may cause revenue increases/decreases to begin in later years.																		
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Property Tax Revenue	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$														
TOTAL \$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$														
	<p>Please explain how the above estimated increase(s) or decrease(s) were arrived at, including any calculations and/or assumptions made. Please also explain any variation if the revenue increase(s)/decrease(s) is not constant.</p>																		
<p>The State Department of Assessments and Taxation will determine if the use, as proposed, will continue to be assessed at an agriculture rate. In the event the properties and investments supporting this use are assessed at a commercial rate, a substantial per acre increase will be realized. However, the additional property tax revenue is undeterminable at this time</p>																			

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<u>EXPENDITURES</u>						
4.	Analysis of estimated increase (or decrease) in government expenditures. Please estimate below any anticipated increase (or decrease) in expenditures resulting from this legislation. Please be aware of any delayed effective dates in the bill or other factors that may cause expenditure increases/decreases to begin in later years.					
	A. Salaries & Wages	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
	FTE Employees - _____ # of positions Fringe Benefits					
	TOTAL (Salaries, wages & benefits)	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
N/A	Please provide an explanation of the need for the number and type of any personnel listed above, including (1) what specific provision(s) of the bill necessitate additional staff; (2) what the duties of each type employee will be; and (3) why existing personnel cannot absorb the additional work. Please also certify the wage/salary rate and % fringe rate (if differing rates apply) for each personnel classification.					
	B. Other Operating Expenses	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
	Technical/Special Fees, Grants/Subsidies Communications-Phone, Postage Travel, Food, Auto, Fuel & Utilities Contractual Services Supplies Equipment-Replacement Equipment-Additional Land & Structures, Fixed Charges Other (Please Specify on Extra Page(s))					
	TOTAL (Expenditures)	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
N/A	On the next page, please provide brief descriptions/breakdowns of the above “Other Operating Expenses.”					
	Please explain below any additional calculations or assumptions made in estimating the “Other Operating Expenses” that will help us to understand the amounts and timing of the expenses.					
N/A – It is not anticipated that this legislation would create the need for additional staff or increase the operating expenses of the County.						

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4. (cont'd)

C. Operating Expense Descriptions/Breakdowns

Please provide below a short description of the specific purpose of each expense listed under 4B. If any amount(s) listed under 4B represent(s) a total of multiple expenses, provide a breakdown of the fiscal 2016 amount with a short description of each expense (for example, if \$2,500 is listed for Communications – Phone, Postage, a statement such as "\$1,500 for cellphone charges for two new inspectors and \$1,000 for postage for mailings to permittees to notify them of changes to inspection requirements.")

Fiscal 2017 Expenditures

Technical/Special Fees, Grants & Subsidies	\$
description/breakdown	

Communications – Phone, Postage	\$
description/breakdown	

Travel, Food, Auto Operations, Fuel & Utilities	\$
description/breakdown	

Contractual Services	\$
description/breakdown	

Supplies	\$
description/breakdown	

Equipment-Replacement	\$
description/breakdown	

Equipment-Additional	\$
description/breakdown	

Land & Structures, Fixed Charges	\$
description/breakdown	

Other (Please Specify)	\$
description/breakdown	

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