

Office of the County Auditor

Auditor's Analysis

Council Bill No. 58-2025

Introduced: July 21, 2025

Auditor: Rebecca Gold

Fiscal Impact:

Council Bill 58-2025 may result in revenues to the County in the form of fine assessment due to the issuance of additional Class A citations. These citations carry a minimum fine of \$500 and a maximum fine of \$5,000 per occurrence. We do not anticipate material fiscal impact beyond these potential revenue collections.

Purpose:

This emergency legislation proposes prohibiting for-profit events at residential properties, to be enforced by the Howard County Police Department (HCPD). Violations of this prohibition will be considered Class A offenses resulting in penalties in accordance with [Section 24.107](#) of the County Code.

Other Comments:

We reached out to the HCPD, which confirmed that this legislation should not result in additional police shift work or use of additional office resources. Enforcement will be complaint-driven and will be handled by existing staff.

The HCPD was not able to estimate the number of future potential violations of the new prohibition or provide the number of similar nuisance complaints received over the past several years. The HCPD stated, "Our nuisance call history includes all types of nuisance calls, such as intoxicated persons, disorderly persons and loud noise complaints, regardless of location."