

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 334 (Senator Haines, et al.)
Judicial Proceedings

Vehicle Laws - Motorcycle Helmets - Minors

This bill provides that motorcycle helmet laws apply only to minors. Current law requires everyone riding or operating a motorcycle to wear a helmet.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Indeterminate increase in expenditures and federal fund revenues, as discussed below.

Local Effect: None.

Fiscal Analysis

State Effect: Expenditures could increase for: (1) injured motorcyclists who are Medicaid recipients; and (2) brain-injured motorcyclists who become clients of the Developmental Disabilities Administration. However, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene has not provided the Department of Fiscal Services with any information that would enable an estimate of such costs to be made. Fiscal Services advises that any increase in Medicaid expenditures would be partially offset by federal matching funds.

Information Source(s): Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Department of Transportation (State Highway Administration), Department of Fiscal Services

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