

Department of Fiscal Services  
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 784 (Senator Dyson)  
Judicial Proceedings

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**Vehicle Laws - License Restriction for a Minor -  
Prohibition Against Minors as Passengers**

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This bill prohibits a licensed driver under the age of 18 from driving with a passenger under the age of 18 (except specified relatives) for a period of 180 days after the driver's license is issued. A police officer may only enforce this provision as a secondary violation.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** Minimal increase in general fund revenues. No effect on expenditures.

**Local Effect:** None.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

**State Revenues:** General fund revenues could increase from the penalty provision applicable to this offense under the Maryland Vehicle Law (maximum \$500 fine). Because the violation can only be enforced as a secondary violation and the number of drivers under 18 is a small percentage of the driving population, any such increase is assumed to be minimal.

**State Expenditures:** The Motor Vehicle Administration could impose the license restriction with existing resources. Enforcement could be performed with existing resources.

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