

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 180 (Chairman, Commerce and Government Matters Committee)
(Departmental - Transportation)
Commerce and Government Matters

**Vehicle Laws - Learner's and Commercial Driver's Instructional Permit -
Requirement for Individuals Accompanying Permit Holders While Driving**

This departmental bill eliminates the requirement that an individual accompanying a holder of a learner's permit or commercial driver's instructional permit be licensed for a minimum of three years in Maryland or another state. Thus, the supervising individual is only required to be 21 years old and licensed to drive the vehicle being driven by the permit holder.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Potential minimal decrease in general fund revenues. Expenditures would not be affected.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: The Department of Transportation has determined that this bill has minimal or no impact on small business (attached). Fiscal Services concurs with this assessment.

Fiscal Analysis

State Revenues: The current penalty for driving with a learner's permit without the required supervision is \$270 and five points. In calendar 1995, there were 306 convictions under this provision of the vehicle law resulting in general fund revenue of about \$82,600. The penalty for driving with a commercial driver's permit without the required supervision is \$520 and five points. In 1995, there were two convictions under this provision of the law resulting in revenues of \$1,040. It is unknown how many of these violations were due to the

accompanying individuals having been licensed for less than three years. Therefore, the extent of the decrease in general fund revenues cannot be determined.

Information Source(s): Department of Transportation (Motor Vehicle Administration), Judiciary (District Court of Maryland), Department of Fiscal Services

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