

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 10 (Senator Middleton)
Judicial Proceedings

**Vehicle Laws - Speeding Violations by Minors -
Notification of Parent or Guardian**

This bill requires the District Court to notify the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) when a minor is charged with driving at least 20 miles per hour above the speed limit. In turn, the MVA is required to notify the minor's parent, guardian, or employer of the citation, whichever cosigns the minor's driver's license application.

The bill is effective October 1, 1997 and applies only to minors who have filed for a driver's license application on or after this date.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Special fund expenditures could increase by \$15,600 in FY 1998. Out-year estimates reflect postage costs and declining use of a contractual employee.

(in dollars)	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002
SF Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
SF Expenditures	15,600	11,500	1,800	1,850	1,900
Net Effect	(\$15,600)	(\$11,500)	(\$1,800)	(\$1,850)	(\$1,900)

Note: () - decrease; GF - general funds; FF - federal funds; SF - special funds

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None. This bill would not directly affect small businesses.

Fiscal Analysis

State Expenditures: The MVA estimates there are approximately 57,600 licensed drivers under the age of 18 in Maryland. The District Court estimates that approximately 5,000 cases would be affected by this bill.

Accounting for the October 1 effective date, Transportation Trust Fund expenditures could increase by \$15,568 in fiscal 1998 to cover the costs of hiring one contractual employee to determine who should be notified, and related postage costs. Expenditures in fiscal 1999 are estimated at \$11,478, which reflects the contractual employee's salary for six months and postage for a full year. It is assumed that the MVA will have an automated computerized system to access titling records in place beginning with the second half of fiscal 1999. Once such a system is implemented, the expenditures related to this bill would consist only of postage costs to notify the minor's cosignor. Postage expenditures are assumed to increase 2% in the out-years due to inflation.

The District Court can notify the MVA of appropriate citations with existing resources.

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