

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE
Revised

Senate Bill 122 (Senator Stone)

Judicial Proceedings

Referred to Commerce and Government Matters

Blind, Deaf, or Mobility Impaired Pedestrians - Right-of-Way - Penalties

This enrolled bill increases, from one to two, the number of points assessed for failure to yield the right-of-way to a blind, deaf, or mobility impaired pedestrian.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Potential minimal increase in computer programming costs as discussed below. Revenues would not be affected.

Local Effect: None.

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

Fiscal Analysis

State Expenditures: Only three convictions were recorded for this violation during the years 1993, 1994, and 1995. Since the bill would apply in a limited number of cases, the bill's requirements could be handled with existing resources.

The Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) advises that reprogramming expenditures could increase by an estimated \$11,750 to program the changes proposed in this legislation. The Department of Fiscal Services advises that if other legislation is passed requiring computer reprogramming changes, economies of scale could be realized. This would reduce computer programming costs associated with this bill and other legislation affecting the MVA system. Further, DFS advises that the increased computer expenditure is simply an estimate and the MVA may be able to handle the changes with either less money than it estimates or within existing resources.

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