

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE
Revised

House Bill 167 (Chairman, Ways and Means Committee)
(Departmental - Comptroller)

Ways and Means

Referred to Finance

Motor Fuel and Lubricants - Administration and Enforcement

This amended departmental bill allows the Comptroller to have access to the propulsion tank of a special fuel powered motor vehicle used for business purposes for inspection or drawing samples anytime such a vehicle is in operation.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Potential increase in revenues. No effect on expenditures.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: The Comptroller of the Treasury has determined that this bill has minimal or no economic impact on small businesses (attached). Fiscal Services concurs with this assessment as discussed below. (The attached assessment does not reflect amendments to the bill.)

Fiscal Analysis

State Effect: Revenues could increase to the extent that the bill enables the Comptroller to reduce motor fuel tax evasion and better enforce tax compliance. Any such increase cannot be reliably estimated at this time.

State Expenditures: While the bill would enable the Comptroller to more efficiently enforce its motor fuel testing and inspection program, actual expenditures would not be affected.

Small Business Effect: This bill could impact small businesses that operate special fuel powered motor vehicles that are found in noncompliance with regulations regarding dyed

diesel fuel. However, the number of businesses that could be affected cannot be reliably estimated at this time.

Information Source(s): Comptroller of the Treasury, Department of Fiscal Services

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