

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE
Revised

Senate Bill 517 (Senator Baker)
Judicial Proceedings

Referred to Judiciary

**Probation - Conditions - Suspension or Revocation of Driver's License
or Privilege to Drive**

This amended bill authorizes a court to order the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) to suspend or revoke a person's driver's license as a condition of probation for offenses relating to the use of a motor vehicle.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Potential indeterminate increase in Transportation Trust Fund revenues. Expenditures would not be affected.

Local Effect: None.

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

Fiscal Analysis

State Revenues: The District Court reports that in fiscal 1996, 12,170 probation before judgment (PBJ) dispositions were given. The number of individuals that are placed on probation as a result of a guilty verdict is unknown. Because the District Court does not distinguish for offenses relating to the use of a motor vehicle, the number of individuals given PBJ dispositions or probations as a result of a guilty verdict for motor vehicle use offenses is unknown. Further, because the bill is authorizing in nature, it cannot be reliably estimated how often a court would order the suspension or revocation of the license of an individual who is placed on probation. In any event, the MVA collects a fee of \$10 to reissue a license after a suspension. For a revocation, the MVA collects a \$15 fee for an application to reinstate a license plus \$30 for the reinstatement (a \$60 reinstatement fee is imposed if the driving offense was alcohol and/or drug related) and a \$10 duplication fee. To the extent that

a court suspends or revokes a license as a condition of probation for offenses relating to the use of a motor vehicle, Transportation Trust Fund revenues could increase.

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