

Department of Legislative Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE
Revised

Senate Bill 52 (Chairman, Judicial Proceedings Committee)
(Departmental - State Police)

Judicial Proceedings

State Police - Dissemination of Information to Public - Fees

This departmental bill increases, from \$2 to \$4, the document search fee for copies of specific motor vehicle accident reports and related documents.

The bill is effective July 1, 1998.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: General fund revenues could increase by approximately \$80,000 annually beginning in FY 1999. Expenditures would not be affected.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: The Department of State Police has determined that this bill has minimal or no impact on small business (attached). Legislative Services concurs with this assessment. (This assessment does not reflect any amendments to the bill.)

Fiscal Analysis

State Revenues: Legislative Services advises that the statute that provides for the collection of this fee clearly suggests that it is a special fund cost recovery fee (i.e., fees received must be used by the department to provide the service). The State Police advises, however, that revenues from this fee continue to be deposited in the general fund.

In any event, the State Police receives approximately 40,000 document search requests annually. This number of requests is expected to remain relatively constant for the foreseeable future. Revenues from the document search fee are deposited to the general fund.

This bill increases the current fee attached to such a request by \$2. Accordingly, general fund revenues would increase by \$80,000 annually as a result of the bill.

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