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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 669 (Delegate Boschert)

Judiciary

Judicial Proceedings

Drunk and Drugged Driving - Ignition Interlock System Program

This bill authorizes the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) to issue a restrictive license to a person who participates in the Ignition Interlock Program and has had his or her driver's license suspended due to an excess accumulation of points from driving or attempting to drive while alcohol and/or drug impaired. The bill also eliminates the MVA's authority to reduce the period of license suspension for such a person.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The impact is small enough that it could be handled with existing resources.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: An individual who has a license suspension due to an excess accumulation of points but participates in the Ignition Interlock Program may have the suspension reduced. The amount of time reduced depends on how many previous convictions the driver has and how long the driver agrees to participate in the program.

An alcohol-restricted license prohibits a driver from driving or attempting to drive with a blood alcohol level greater than .02.

Background: The District Court reports that in fiscal 2000, there were 9,205 convictions of drunk or drugged driving out of 38,463 charges, and 8,804 people refused to submit to a blood alcohol content test. The MVA advises that there are about 3,700 people in the Ignition Interlock Program.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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