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House Bill 998 (Delegate McConkey)  
Environment and Transportation

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Vehicle Laws - Drivers' Schools - Age of Instruction Vehicles

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This bill increases the maximum allowable age of vehicles used for instruction in a driver's school from 7 to 10 years. The bill does not apply to a commercial motor vehicle.

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** The bill does not materially affect State finances or operations.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** Meaningful.

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Analysis

**Current Law:** A person may not operate a drivers' school unless the person is licensed by the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA). Each licensee must maintain all vehicles used for instruction in the condition required by MVA. Although the maximum age of instruction vehicles is not specified in statute, MVA requires through regulation that training vehicles be seven model years old or less.

**Small Business Effect:** Any driving schools that qualify as small businesses may be able to purchase new vehicles less often, resulting in significant savings over time. However, such businesses may also need to repair older vehicles more often than they otherwise would under current law.

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## **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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