

**Department of Fiscal Services**  
Maryland General Assembly

**FISCAL NOTE**

House Bill 171 (Chairman, Commerce and Government Matters Committee)  
(Departmental - Transportation)  
Commerce and Government Matters

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**Vehicle Laws - Uninsured Motorist Penalty Fees - Distribution Formula**

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This departmental bill changes the distribution formula for uninsured motorist penalty fees. Under this bill the formula would allocate 70% of collections to the Vehicle Theft Prevention Fund, the Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund, and the general fund and 30% would be allocated to the MVA. The bill is effective June 1, 1996.

Under current law the formula provides that: (1) of the first \$150 collected - 90% would be allocated to the Vehicle Theft Prevention Fund, the Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund, and the general fund and 10% to the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA); and (2) any amount collected over \$150 - 50% would be allocated to the Vehicle Theft Prevention Fund, the Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund, and the general fund and 50% to the Motor Vehicle Administration.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None. This bill affects the distribution of certain revenue among the Vehicle Theft Prevention Fund, the Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund, the general fund, and the MVA, but would not affect the amount of revenue. Expenditures would not be affected.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** The Department of Transportation has determined that this bill has minimal or no impact on small business (attached). Fiscal Services concurs with this assessment.

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## **Fiscal Analysis**

**State Revenues: The Department of Transportation has not provided Fiscal Services with data detailing the amount of fees collected.** Without this information, Fiscal Services cannot evaluate the impact on the distribution of revenue among the funds affected. Fiscal Services advises that a revised fiscal note will be issued when the appropriate data is supplied by the Department of Transportation.

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