

**Department of Fiscal Services**  
Maryland General Assembly

**FISCAL NOTE**  
**Revised**

House Bill 501 (Delegate Genn, et al.)  
Judiciary

Referred to Judicial Proceedings

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**Vehicle Laws - Driving Offenses by Minors -  
Suspension or Revocation of Driving Privileges**

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This amended bill requires the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) to suspend or revoke the drivers' licenses of minors who accumulate six or more points on their driving records, drive under the influence of drugs, alcohol, or controlled dangerous substances, or drive while intoxicated.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** Indeterminate increase in Transportation Trust Fund revenues and expenditures.

**Local Effect:** None.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

**Bill Summary:** The bill requires the MVA to suspend a minor's driver's license for six months when the minor accumulates six points or drives while under the influence of alcohol or drugs. The minor's license must be suspended for a year after accumulating two more points. A minor's license is revoked if the minor was driving while intoxicated or under the influence of controlled dangerous substances.

**Background:** In 1995 there were 30,648 convictions for driving while intoxicated although the number of these offenses that were committed by 16-17 year old drivers is unknown. There are a total of 56,000 drivers aged 16-17 years. There are approximately 3.3 million licensed drivers in Maryland.

**State Revenues:** The MVA collects \$15 for an application to reinstate a driver's license plus \$60 to reinstate the license for a drug or alcohol related suspension. Any revenue increase resulting from this bill would depend upon the number of minors whose licenses are suspended and cannot be reliably estimated at this time.

**State Expenditures:** The MVA advises that data processing expenditures could increase by an estimated \$44,500 to program the changes proposed in the legislation. The Department of Fiscal Services advises that if other legislation is passed requiring data processing changes, economies of scale regarding computer programming changes could be realized. This would reduce computer programming costs associated with this bill and other legislation affecting the MVA data system.

The MVA further advises that the volume of new suspensions would require an additional Office Assistant to handle the workload. Fiscal Services advises that even assuming 16 and 17 year olds have a disproportionately high rate of these offenses (twice the average), the MVA should be able handle the additional workload with existing resources.

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**Information Source(s):** Judiciary (District Court of Maryland), Department of Transportation (Motor Vehicle Administration), Department of Fiscal Services

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