

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 172 (Chairman, Commerce and Government Matters Committee)
(Departmental - Transportation)
Commerce and Government Matters

Driver's License - Accumulation of Points - Notifications and Conferences

This departmental bill eliminates the requirement that non-professional drivers who accumulate five points on their driving record in two years have a conference with the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA). The bill also increases from five to eight the number of points that must be accumulated before the MVA issues a warning letter.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Transportation Trust Fund expenditures could decrease by \$22,500 as discussed below. Revenues are not 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.

Fiscal Analysis

State Expenditures: The Department of Transportation has indicated that the fiscal 1997 budget includes a \$22,500 reduction in the budget for the MVA budget in anticipation of this bill. This reduction is due to elimination of a Driver Improvement Counselor I position.

The Department of Fiscal Services advises that review of the Governor's fiscal 1997 allowance for the MVA does not show any decrease in the number of Driver Improvement Counselor positions. In addition, there is no language in the budget that makes a reduction contingent upon passage of this bill. Nevertheless, as part of the Governor's plan to reduce State government, the MVA will be abolishing or transferring 60 positions. If this position is identified as part of that reduction, this bill would have no fiscal impact. If this position is not identified as part of the 60 position reduction, Transportation Trust Fund expenditures would be reduced by \$22,500 in fiscal 1997, accounting for the October 1, 1996, effective date and by \$25,700 annually thereafter.

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