

Department of Fiscal Services  
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 632 (Delegate Ports, et al.)  
Commerce and Government Matters

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**Vehicle Laws - Special Registration Plates - Maximum Truck Weight**

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This bill permits owners of trucks up to one ton capacity to obtain personalized and special license plates. Under current law, the truck capacity must be 3/4 ton or less.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** Indeterminate increase in Transportation Trust Fund revenues with partially offsetting expenditures, as discussed below.

**Local Effect:** None.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

**State Effect:** Expanding eligibility for special license plates for trucks would increase Transportation Trust Fund revenues by an indeterminate amount. The Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) cannot determine how many vehicles may be eligible under this bill. The MVA collects an additional \$25 fee each time personalized plates are issued or renewed. The MVA also collects an additional fee when some special plates are issued, and an additional fee when some special plates are renewed. Depending on the type of special plate, the fee may exceed the MVA's cost to issue or renew the plate. Standard sized plates cost the MVA between \$3.05 and \$7.38 per pair. Any increase in revenue would be partially offset by additional costs to produce the plates. The total increase in Transportation Trust Fund revenues would depend on the number of additional special and personalized registration plates issued and the fees collected as a result of this bill.

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