

Department of Fiscal Services  
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 1283 (Delegate Fry)  
Commerce and Government Matters

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**Vehicle Laws - Driving Tests - Driver Performance Evaluation Pilot Program**

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This bill establishes a driver performance evaluation pilot program in Harford, Baltimore, and Montgomery counties. It requires the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) to review the driving test it gives to driver's license applicants, develop a revised driving test that must include actual highway driving, and evaluate the new test vis-a-vis the current test.

The MVA is required to report to the General Assembly before January 1, 1999. The bill sunsets on December 31, 1998.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** Transportation Trust Fund expenditures could increase by \$152,900 in FY 1997, increasing with inflation to the end of the program.

(in dollars)	FY 1997	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 2000	FY 2001
SF Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
SF Expenditures	152,900	192,300	98,000	0	0
Net Effect	(\$152,900)	(\$192,300)	(\$98,000)	\$0	\$0

Note: ( ) - decrease; GF - general funds; FF - federal funds; SF - special funds

**Local Effect:** None.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

**State Expenditures:** Transportation Trust Fund expenditures could increase as more driver's license examiners would be required. The MVA estimates that a road test would take up to 30 minutes longer than the current test which is conducted on a driving course. In addition, Baltimore County does not have a full-service MVA office, so driving tests are not

currently given there. The MVA estimates four additional contractual staff would be required in the Essex office at a cost of \$61,160 in fiscal 1997, to give road tests. The Belair and Gaithersburg offices would require a total of six additional driver's license examiners at a cost of \$91,740 in fiscal 1997 to administer longer tests.

The MVA can absorb the costs of development of the new test and the required report to the General Assembly with existing budgeted resources. All additional expenditures end on December 31, 1998 when the bill sunsets.

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