

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 164 (Chairman, Environmental Matters Committee)
(Departmental - Public Service Commission)
Environmental Matters

Public Service Commission - Motor Carrier Companies - Carriers of Flammables

This departmental bill repeals the Public Service Commission's (PSC) authority to regulate common carriers that transport flammable liquids in bulk.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: General fund expenditures could decrease by an estimated \$30,000 in FY 1997, and \$40,000 on an annualized basis. General fund revenues would decrease by \$38,000 annually.

Local Effect: No effect.

Small Business Effect: The Public Service Commission has determined that this bill has minimal or no impact on small business (attached). Fiscal Services concurs with this assessment.

Fiscal Analysis

State Revenues: There are 38 carriers of flammable liquids currently regulated by the commission. The PSC levies annual fees of approximately \$1,000 per carrier. Thus, general fund revenues could decrease by \$38,000 in fiscal 1997.

State Expenditures: Repealing the requirement that the PSC regulate common carriers of bulk flammable liquids would reduce the workload of the commission. The commission has indicated that approximately one Common Carrier Inspector III position is required to perform inspections of such carriers at an annual cost of approximately \$40,000 per year. Hence, general fund expenditures could decrease by an estimated \$30,000 in fiscal 1997, which reflects the bill's October 1, 1996, effective date.

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