

**Department of Fiscal Services**  
Maryland General Assembly

**FISCAL NOTE**  
**Revised**

Senate Bill 604 (Senator Collins)  
Finance

Referred to Economic Matters

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**Vehicle Laws - Replacement Vehicles - Required Security - Task Force to Examine  
Liability Insurance on Rental Vehicles**

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This amended bill establishes that the owner of a “replacement vehicle” can maintain an insurance policy that is excess to any other insurance policy and extends coverage to the owner’s vehicle while it is used as a replacement vehicle to satisfy required security requirements on the vehicle. Current law requires the owner to provide security that provides the same minimum benefits as the security required by Title 17 of the Transportation Article. The renter or individual to whom a replacement vehicle is loaned must sign an agreement that informs the individual that the insurance coverage provided by the owner is excess only.

The bill creates a seven-member task force to review the liability insurance issues, including primary coverage, involved in the rental of motor vehicles in the State and to develop recommendations to reduce costs and confusion.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None. Members of the task force would not be compensated and the Departments of Fiscal Services and Legislative Reference could handle the staffing requirements within existing resources.

**Local Effect:** None.

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