

Department of Fiscal Services  
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 97 (Senator Ferguson)  
Judicial Proceedings

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**Vehicle Equipment - Studded Tires - U.S. Postal Service**

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This bill authorizes the State Highway Administration or a local government to permit the U.S. Postal Service or carriers under contract with the U.S. Postal Service to operate vehicles equipped with studded tires from November 1 through March 31.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** Indeterminate minimal increase in special fund expenditures for the maintenance of State highways. Revenues would not be affected.

**Local Effect:** Indeterminate increase in local highway expenditures for those jurisdictions authorizing the use of studded tires.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

**State Expenditures:** The State Highway Administration (SHA) advises that the use of studded tires would accelerate the deterioration of State highways and therefore increase highway maintenance expenditures. The amount of any such increase cannot be reliably estimated at this time, but is assumed to be minimal given the limited applicability of the bill and SHA's discretionary authority.

**Local Expenditures:** See "State Expenditures" section above.

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