

Department of Fiscal Services  
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 168 (Chairman, Commerce and Government Matters Committee)  
(Departmental - Transportation)  
Commerce and Government Matters

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**Transportation Authority - Law Enforcement - Motor Carrier Inspections**

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This departmental bill allows civilian employees of the Maryland Transportation Authority Police to issue safety equipment repair orders and citations for size or weight violations. This bill is effective July 1, 1996.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None. The FY 1997 budget of the Maryland Transportation Authority assumes this bill will be enacted.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** The Department of Transportation has determined that this bill has minimal or no impact on small business (attached). Fiscal Services concurs with this assessment.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

**State Expenditures:** The Maryland Transportation Authority expects to have up to 27 civilian employees enforcing truck inspection laws on the Kennedy Highway beginning by mid-1996. This bill provides the authority for this action by permitting these civilian employees to enforce all relevant motor carrier laws. Without this authority, some of these civilian employees would have to be replaced with Transportation Authority Police. A Transportation Authority Police officer receives about \$12,800 more per year for salary and fringe benefits than a civilian employee.

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