

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 519 (Delegate Dixon)
Commerce and Government Matters

Vehicle Laws - Failure to Stop at Red Light - Penalty

This bill provides that a person convicted of failure to stop at a red light is subject to a fine of not less than \$500 nor more than \$1,000. Current law provides for a \$100 fine.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Potential revenue increase of up to \$21.1 million in FY 1997 and \$28.1 million annually thereafter. Expenditures are not affected.

Local Effect: None.

Fiscal Analysis

State Revenues: The current penalty for failure to stop at a steady red traffic signal is \$100. In fiscal 1995 there were 31,276 convictions under this provision of the vehicle law. Assuming the maximum penalty is assessed by the District Court and the number of convictions remains constant, general fund revenues could increase by \$21,111,300 in fiscal 1997, accounting for the October 1 effective date, and \$28,148,400 annually thereafter. Revenue would be lower to the extent that the District Court sets a fine lower than the maximum and/or the number of convictions is lower in future years.

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