

Department of Fiscal Services  
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE  
Revised

Senate Bill 430 (Senators Dorman and Colburn)  
Judicial Proceedings Referred to Commerce and Government Matters

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Vehicle Laws - Use of Headlamps

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This amended bill requires a driver to light a vehicle's headlamps or fog lights if the vehicle's windshield wipers are operating for a continuous period because of impaired visibility. The bill provides that failure to comply is not a moving violation, is subject to a maximum fine of \$25, and may only be enforced as a secondary violation.

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** Indeterminate general fund revenue increase resulting from the bill's penalty provision. Any such increase is assumed to be minimal. Expenditures would not be affected as enforcement could be handled with existing resources.

**Local Effect:** None. Enforcement by local law enforcement agencies could be handled with existing resources.

**Small Business Effect:** None. This bill would not directly affect small businesses.

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