

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 470 (Senator Kasemeyer)
Judicial Proceedings

**Vehicle Laws - Stolen Registration Plates or Affixed Validation Tabs -
No Fee for Replacement**

This bill waives the fee for replacing stolen vehicle registration plates, registration cards, or validation tabs.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Indeterminate Transportation Trust Fund revenue decrease. Expenditures would not be affected.

Local Effect: None.

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

Fiscal Analysis

State Revenues: The Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) charges \$10 for replacing a registration plate and \$5 for replacing a registration card or a validation tab. A total of 78,052 replacement tags (i.e., registration plates, registration cards, and validation tabs) were issued in calendar 1996. However, the MVA does not maintain records on the type of the replacement tags issued, and the number of replacement tags issued due to theft is unknown. For illustrative purposes, based on the \$10 fee and assuming 20% of the replacement tags issued were due to theft, Transportation Trust Fund revenues could decrease by approximately \$156,100 annually.

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