

Department of Fiscal Services  
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE  
Revised

House Bill 112 (Delegate Wood, *et al.*)  
Commerce and Government Matters

Referred to Judicial Proceedings

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**Vehicle Laws - Task Force to Study Motor Vehicle Liens, Regulation of Towing Practices, and the Disposition of Unclaimed Vehicles**

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This amended bill establishes a 21-member task force to study motor vehicle liens, towing practices, and unclaimed vehicles. The task force's focus includes, but is not limited to: (1) the regulation of storage, towing, and disposal of vehicles; (2) the disposition of abandoned vehicles; (3) the rights and obligations of vehicle owners who have their vehicles towed from their property; (4) the rights of vehicle owners who have their vehicles towed without their consent; and (5) the imposition of liens on motor vehicles. The Motor Vehicle Administrator must assign staff and provide administrative support.

The task force's report is due to the Governor, the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee, and the House Commerce and Government Matters Committee no later than December 1, 1997. The bill takes effect June 1, 1997 and sunsets December 31, 1997.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None. Staffing the task force and providing expense reimbursements could be handled with existing budgeted resources.

**Local Effect:** None.

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

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