## **Department of Fiscal Services**

Maryland General Assembly

## **FISCAL NOTE**

House Bill 132 (Delegate Owings) (By Request) Commerce and Government Matters

## **Vehicle Laws - Transporting Pets in Trucks or Trailers**

This bill prohibits a person from transporting a pet in or on a truck or trailer unless certain precautions have been taken to prevent the pet from exiting the vehicle. The bill provides for civil fines of \$100 for the first offense and \$250 for each subsequent offense.

## **Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** Indeterminate increase in general fund revenues due to 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. It is assumed that 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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