

Department of Fiscal Services  
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 142 (Senator Della)  
Finance

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**Motor Vehicles for Hire - Solicitation of Baltimore-Washington International  
Airport Passengers**

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This bill prohibits the operator of a taxicab or other for hire vehicle from soliciting passengers at the Baltimore-Washington International (BWI) Airport unless the operator or the operator's company has a contract with the airport. It does not prohibit an operator not under contract with the airport from collecting a specific passenger if the passenger calls for the services of that operator's company. Violators are subject to civil fines of \$50 for a first offense and up to \$300 for subsequent offenses.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** General fund revenues could increase from the bill's monetary penalty provision. Expenditures would not be affected.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** Potential meaningful effect as discussed below.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

**State Revenues:** General fund revenues could increase under the bill's penalty provisions depending upon the number and amount of fines imposed.

**Small Business Effect:** To the extent that taxicab and for hire vehicle operators are currently soliciting business at BWI airport in violation of airport policy, this bill could create a meaningful reduction in business for these operators. Conversely, the small business holding the current contract at BWI Airport could see a meaningful increase in business due to the reduction in competition.

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