

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 863 (Delegate D. Murphy)
Commerce and Government Matters

Vehicle Laws - Use of “Spotters” by Towing Companies - Penalty

This bill establishes a mandatory fine of \$500 for a towing company convicted of employing individuals (spotters) whose primary purpose is reporting unauthorized parked vehicles to the company. Current law provides for a fine up to \$500.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Indeterminate general fund revenue increase resulting from the bill’s increased penalty provision. Any such increase is assumed to be minimal. Expenditures would not be affected.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: Minimal. The bill should not significantly affect small businesses as a required fine may already be imposed under the Maryland Vehicle Law.

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