

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 1033 (Delegate Rudolph)
Commerce and Government Matters

Motor Vehicles - Multiple Violations - Penalties

This bill assesses a penalty of eight points and a fine of up to \$500 upon conviction of three or more moving violations arising out of a single traffic incident. The affected moving violations are designated in the bill.

The bill also provides that the State's Attorney must submit written notification of the intent to seek the additional penalty. The written notice must be submitted 15 days before trial in a circuit court or five days before trial in District Court. If the notice is not submitted within this time frame, the State's Attorney may submit a written request to the court for a postponement. Unless the defendant waives the notice requirement, the court must then postpone the trial.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Potential indeterminate increase in general fund revenues due to the bill's penalty provision. Indeterminate minimal increase in computer costs as discussed below.

Local Effect: Potential indeterminate increase in general fund revenues due to the bill's penalty provision. No effect on expenditures.

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

Fiscal Analysis

State Revenues: General fund revenues could increase under the bill's monetary penalty provision for those cases heard in the District Court, depending upon the number of convictions and fines imposed.

State Expenditures: The Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) advises that computer programming expenditures could increase by an estimated \$9,700 to program the changes

proposed in this legislation. The Department of Fiscal Services advises that if other legislation is passed requiring computer reprogramming changes, economies of scale could be realized. This would reduce computer programming costs associated with this bill and other legislation affecting the MVA system.

The Judiciary and State's Attorney's Office could handle the provisions of this bill with existing resources.

Local Revenues: Revenues could increase under the bill's monetary penalty provision for those cases heard in the circuit courts, depending upon the number of convictions and fines imposed.

Information Source(s): Department of Transportation (Motor Vehicle Administration), Judiciary (District Court), Maryland State's Attorneys' Association, Department of Fiscal Services

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