

**Department of Fiscal Services**  
Maryland General Assembly

**FISCAL NOTE**

House Bill 144 (Chairman, Commerce and Government Matters Committee)  
(Departmental - Transportation)  
Commerce and Government Matters

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**Vehicle Laws - Identification Cards - Waiver of Fee**

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This departmental bill waives the fee for an identification card issued by the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) to a person with a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits a “major life activity” as defined in the federal Americans with Disabilities Act.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** Transportation Trust Fund revenues could decrease by an estimated \$3,900 in FY 1998, which accounts for the October 1 effective date. Future year revenue losses reflect annualization and assumes that the number of free cards issued remains constant. Indeterminate minimal increase in computer costs as discussed below.

(in dollars)	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002
SF Revenues	(\$3,900)	(\$5,300)	(\$5,300)	(\$5,300)	(\$5,300)
SF Expenditures	0	0	0	0	0
Net Effect	(\$3,900)	(\$5,300)	(\$5,300)	(\$5,300)	(\$5,300)

*Note: ( ) - decrease; GF - general funds; FF - federal funds; SF - special funds*

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** The Department of Transportation has determined that this bill has minimal or no impact on small business (attached). Fiscal Services concurs with this assessment.

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## Fiscal Analysis

**State Effect:** The MVA currently collects a \$10 fee for identification (ID) cards. In fiscal 1996, the MVA issued approximately 64,013 ID cards, of which 52,564 were new cards issued for \$10 each and 11,449 were cards issued gratis to physically impaired persons and persons over the age of 65. It is estimated that 1% of the new cards issued for the \$10 fee, or about 526 cards, were issued to the mentally disabled. Thus, Transportation Trust Fund revenues would decrease by approximately \$3,945 in fiscal 1998, which reflects the October 1 effective date, and an estimated \$5,260 on an annual basis. The bill is not expected to increase the number of new ID cards issued to physically disabled persons.

The MVA advises that reprogramming expenditures could increase by an estimated \$9,250 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.

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