

Department of Fiscal Services  
Maryland General Assembly

**FISCAL NOTE**

Senate Bill 524 (Senator Collins)  
Judicial Proceedings

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**Vehicle Laws - Registration Plates and Parking Permits for Disabled Individuals -  
Increased Penalties for Fraud, Misrepresentation, and Misuse**

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This bill provides that a person convicted of fraud or misrepresentation in applying for or using special registration plates or parking permits for disabled persons is subject to imprisonment for not more than two months and/or a fine of up to \$500. The current penalty is a maximum \$500 fine.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** Potential indeterminate increase in expenditures due to the bill's incarceration penalty. Revenues would not be affected.

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

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**Fiscal Analysis**

**Local Effect:** Expenditures could increase as a result of the bill's incarceration penalty depending upon the number of convictions and sentences imposed. Counties pay the full cost of incarceration for people in their facilities for the first 90 days of the sentence, plus part of the per diem cost after 90 days. Per diem operating costs of local detention facilities are expected to range from \$23 to \$83 per inmate in fiscal 1998.

As a point of reference, there were 15 cases filed in District Court for these violations in fiscal 1996.

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**Information Source(s):** Department of Transportation (Motor Vehicle Administration),  
Judiciary (District Court), Department of Fiscal Services

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