

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE
Revised

House Bill 135 (Delegate Valderrama, *et al.*)

Commerce and Government Matters

Referred to Judicial Proceedings

Vehicle Laws - Inspection Certificate for Transfer of Used Vehicles - Exception

This amended bill eliminates the requirement for an inspection certificate for the transfer of a used vehicle between co-owners when a co-owner's name is being removed from the title.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The MVA does not receive any revenue from inspection certificates.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: Minimal impact on small businesses as discussed below.

Fiscal Analysis

Small Business Effect: Vehicle inspections are conducted by automotive repair shops, nearly all of which are small businesses. The cost for the inspection depends on the fee each shop sets with a maximum fee of one hour of labor at each establishment's prevailing rate. The number of transfers of used vehicles between co-owners is unknown, however, the number is assumed to be minimal. Thus, revenue from conducting inspections and related repairs are assumed to decrease minimally for automotive repair shops.

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Department of State Police, Department of Fiscal Services

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