

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 145 (Chairman, Commerce and Government Matters Committee)
(Departmental - Transportation)
Commerce and Government Matters

Drivers' Licenses - Testing for Motorcycle Permits and Licenses - Waiver

This departmental bill eliminates the requirement that a person applying for a motorcycle driver's license first receive a learner's permit if the person successfully completes a Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) approved motorcycle safety course.

The bill also allows the successful completion of an MVA approved motorcycle safety course to be considered equivalent to passing the skills and knowledge test for acquiring a license to operate motorcycles.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Indeterminate minimal increase in computer costs as discussed below. Revenues would not be affected because the bill does not substantively change State activities or operations.

Local Effect: None.

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

Fiscal Analysis

State Effect: The MVA estimates that this bill would eliminate the need to issue 3,300 motorcycle learner's permits annually. This reduction is not expected to have a significant impact on the MVA's workload. In addition, it is not expected to have a demonstrable effect on Transportation Trust Fund revenues because a motorcycle driver's license issued after a

person has received a \$30 learner's permit is free and the fee for a motorcycle license issued to a person who did not have a learner's permit is \$30.

The MVA advises that reprogramming expenditures could increase by an estimated \$12,450 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.

Information Source(s): Department of Transportation (Motorcycle Safety Program, Motor Vehicle Administration); Department of Fiscal Services

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