

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE
Revised

House Bill 505 (Delegate Genn, *et al.*)
Judiciary

Referred to Judicial Proceedings

Vehicle Laws - Drunk and Drugged Driving Offenses by Children -
Suspension or Revocation of Driving Privileges

This amended bill requires the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) to revoke the driver's license of a minor who is adjudicated delinquent for driving while intoxicated or under the influence of a controlled dangerous substance; and to suspend the driver's license of a minor who is adjudicated delinquent for driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs. If the minor is under 16 and does not hold a driver's license, the suspension or revocation begins when the minor turns 16.

The bill is effective June 1, 1997.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Indeterminate increase in Transportation Trust Fund revenues. Potential indeterminate increase in computer programming costs as discussed below.

Local Effect: None.

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

Fiscal Analysis

Background: In 1996 there were 9,180 convictions for these alcohol or drug-related offenses although the number of these offenses that were committed by 16-17 year old drivers is unknown. There are a total of 55,468 drivers aged 16-17 years. There are approximately 3.34 million licensed drivers in Maryland.

State Revenues: The MVA collects \$15 for an application to reinstate a driver's license plus

\$60 to reinstate the license for a drug and/or alcohol related driving offense and a \$10 duplication fee after a revocation. A \$10 fee is imposed to reissue a license after a suspension. Any revenue increase resulting from this bill would depend upon the number of minors whose licenses are revoked or suspended and cannot be reliably estimated at this time.

State Expenditures: The MVA advises that computer programming expenditures could increase by an estimated \$13,000 to modify the computer programs as proposed in this legislation. The Department of Fiscal Services (DFS) 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. Further, DFS advises that the increased computer expenditure is an estimate and the MVA may be able to handle the changes with either less money than it estimates or within existing resources.

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

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