

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE
Revised

House Bill 116 (Delegate Bozman, *et al.*)

Environmental Matters

Referred to Economic & Environmental Affairs

Repossessed Vessels - Certificate of Title

This enrolled bill allows a secured party to transfer the title to a repossessed vessel without first holding title directly. The secured party must pay a transfer fee and prove to the department its claim of ownership of the vessel.

The bill is effective January 31, 1998.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Minimal increase in expenditures of up to \$2,000 for required paperwork. Revenues would not be affected.

Local Effect: None.

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

Fiscal Analysis

State Effect: The Department of Natural Resources reports that expenditures would increase by approximately \$2,000 to pay for forms to attach to existing titles. While any new certificates of title printed would include language necessary under this bill, this would not be the case for the titles of vessels currently being repossessed.

The bill should not affect revenues, as the secured party would have to pay a \$2 transfer fee rather than the \$2 title fee currently paid.

Small Business Effect: Any small business that repossesses a vessel could save processing time prior to resale of that vessel. Currently, the reposessor must apply for a title to the vessel themselves before being able to sell the vessel. Under the bill, the business could directly transfer the title to the new purchaser.

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