

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 1056 (Delegate Arnick)
Judiciary

**Vehicle Laws - Alcohol and Drug Related Driving Offenses -
“DUI” Registration Plates**

This bill requires the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) to issue special “DUI” registration plates and validation tabs to any individual who has been convicted of driving while intoxicated, or under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or a controlled dangerous substance. The individual is required to display the special DUI plates for two years, after which the individual may be issued new registration plates for the vehicle. The MVA is required to impose a fee that allows recovery of its administrative costs.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Transportation Trust Fund (TTF) revenues could increase by \$68,900 in FY 1998, which accounts for the October 1, 1997 effective date. Future year increases reflect annualization and a constant number of DUI plates. TTF expenditures could increase by \$94,800 in FY 1998 which includes one-time computer programming costs. Out-year increases reflect the annualization, inflation, and a constant number of DUI plates.

(in dollars)	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002
SF Revenues	\$68,900	\$91,800	\$91,800	\$91,800	\$91,800
SF Expenditures	94,800	50,600	51,500	52,300	53,300
Net Effect	(\$25,900)	\$41,200	\$40,300	\$39,500	\$38,500

Note: () - decrease; GF - general funds; FF - federal funds; SF - special funds

Local Effect: None.

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

Fiscal Analysis

State Effect: In fiscal 1996, an estimated 9,180 individuals were convicted of driving while intoxicated, or under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or controlled dangerous substances.

The bill authorizes the MVA to impose a fee to recover the costs of issuing plates and administering the program. The MVA advises that a registration fee of \$10 fee would be imposed. Assuming a \$10 fee, Transportation Trust Fund revenues could increase by \$6,885 in fiscal 1998, which accounts for the October 1 effective date, and \$91,800 annually thereafter.

The cost of new registration plates is \$3.05 per set. Assuming that 9,180 individuals are convicted of alcohol or drug related driving offenses, Transportation Trust Fund expenditures could increase by \$20,999 in fiscal 1998, which accounts for the October 1 effective date, and \$27,999 annually thereafter.

The MVA also estimates that personnel costs could increase to hire one Customer Service Representative to implement, monitor, and maintain the DUI registration plate program for these individuals. Transportation Trust Fund expenditures could increase by an estimated \$16,845 in fiscal 1998, which accounts for the October 1 effective date. This estimate includes salaries, fringe benefits, and ongoing operating expenses. Future year expenditures reflect a full salary with 3.5% annual increases, 3% employee turnover, and 2% annual increases in ongoing operating expenses.

In addition, the MVA advises that computer programming expenditures could increase by an estimated \$50,000 to modify the computer programs. Such costs would be recovered as discussed above.

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

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