

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 366 (Senator Dyson, *et al.*)
Judicial Proceedings

**Vehicle Laws - Special Registration Plates for Prisoners of War - Exemption From
Annual Registration Fees and Additional Special Plate Fees**

This bill waives all fees, including the annual registration fee, for individuals assigned prisoner of war (POW) special registration plates.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Transportation Trust Fund revenues could decrease by approximately \$5,400 annually, with a potential indeterminate increase in computer programming costs as discussed below.

Local Effect: None.

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

Fiscal Analysis

State Revenues: The Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) has issued 199 POW plates, most of which were issued in 1992 and 1993. The annual registration fee is \$27. The MVA also imposes a \$15 fee when new POW plates are issued. Two new POW plates have been issued thus far in calendar 1997. Based on this information, Transportation Trust Fund revenues could decrease by approximately \$5,403 annually. Any future requests for POW plates is not included in this estimate.

State Expenditures: The MVA advises that computer programming expenditures could increase by an estimated \$7,100 to program the changes 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 simply an estimate and the MVA may be able to handle the changes with either less money than it estimates or existing resources.

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