

Department of Fiscal Services  
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE  
Revised

Senate Bill 756 (Senator Baker)  
Judicial Proceedings

Referred to Commerce and Government Matters

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Vehicle Laws - Dump Service Registration

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This amended bill alters the date on which maximum gross weight limitations apply to dump service vehicles to bring Maryland law into conformity with federal regulations. The registration date is changed from December 31, 1994 to June 1, 1994. Vehicles registered before June 1, 1994 may continue to operate under provisions of law in effect before June 1, 1994 until June 1, 1999.

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** None, as discussed below.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** Potential minimal impact on small dump service businesses. Under current law, vehicles registered prior to December 31, 1994 are not subject to weight limitations. The bill provides that vehicles registered after May 31, 1994, but before December 31, 1994 are also subject to weight limitations.

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Fiscal Analysis

**State Revenues:** Conforming Maryland law to federal regulations would eliminate the possibility of federal sanctions. The State Highway Administration advises that the monetary penalties could be all or part of the National Highway System (NHS) funds available to Maryland in federal fiscal year 1998. According to the Consolidated Transportation Program, the Department of Transportation estimates that the amount of NHS funds available for federal fiscal year 1998 is approximately \$86,000,000.

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