

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 787 (Delegate Rudolph, *et al.*)
Commerce and Government Matters

Vehicle Laws - Overweight Vehicles Fine - Funding of Highway Construction Projects

This bill requires that all fines collected from overweight vehicle violations be credited to the Transportation Trust Fund and used for highway construction projects only.

The bill is effective October 1, 1998.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Special fund revenues would increase and general fund revenues would decrease by approximately \$1.7 million annually.

Local Effect: None.

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

Fiscal Analysis

State Revenues: In fiscal 1996 over 14,000 citations were issued at Maryland weigh stations for overweight vehicle violations. Revenue collected from the fines totaled \$1,706,700. The Department of Fiscal Services assumes that comparable revenue would be generated from overweight vehicle fines in future years. Under current law, fine revenue is credited to the general fund. The bill would transfer this revenue from the general fund to the Transportation Trust Fund for highway construction projects.

Information Source(s): Department of Transportation (State Highway Administration),

Judiciary (District Court), Department of State Police, Department of Fiscal Services

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