

Department of Fiscal Services  
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 817 (Delegate Mandel, *et al.*)  
Judiciary

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**Motor Vehicles - Multiple Moving Violations - Penalties**

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This bill authorizes the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) to assess cumulative points against an individual convicted of multiple moving violations arising out of the same incident.

The bill also provides that a person convicted of reckless driving is subject to imprisonment for not more than two months and/or a fine of up to \$500. The current penalty is a maximum \$500 fine.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None. Assessing cumulative points could be handled with the MVA's existing budgeted resources.

**Local Effect:** Potential indeterminate increase in expenditures due to the bill's incarceration penalty. Revenues would not be affected.

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

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**Fiscal Analysis**

**Local Expenditures:** Expenditures could increase as a result of the bill's incarceration penalty depending upon the number of convictions and sentences imposed. Counties pay the full cost of incarceration for people in their facilities for the first 90 days of the sentence, plus part of the per diem cost after 90 days. Per diem operating costs of local detention facilities are expected to range from \$23 to \$83 per inmate in fiscal 1998.

As a point of reference, the District Court reports there were 3,346 reckless driving

violations in fiscal 1996.

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

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