

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 518 (Delegates Owings and Barve)
Judiciary

Vehicle Laws - Driving While Intoxicated - Permanent License Revocation for Multiple Offenses

This bill requires the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) to permanently revoke the driver's license of a person who has been convicted of three or more violations of driving while intoxicated (DWI) within a five-year period.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Transportation Trust Fund revenues could experience a one-time decrease of approximately \$15,000 in FY 1998. 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 number of individuals who have been convicted of three or more DWI violations within a five-year period is unknown. For illustrative purposes, it is estimated that approximately 200 people may currently be affected. The MVA collects \$15 for an application to reinstate a driver's license plus \$60 to reinstate the license after a drug or alcohol related revocation. Should these individuals be prohibited from reinstating their driver's licenses, Transportation Trust Fund revenues could decrease by \$15,000. It cannot be reliably estimated the number of individuals that may be affected in the future under the bill.

State Expenditures: The MVA advises that computer programming expenditures could

increase by an estimated \$7,100 to modify the computer programs as 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.

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

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