

**Department of Fiscal Services**  
Maryland General Assembly**FISCAL NOTE**

House Bill 429 (Delegates Vallario and Pitkin)  
Judiciary

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**Reinstatement of Driver's License or Privilege to Drive**

This bill requires, rather than authorizes, the automatic reinstatement of drivers' licenses after revocation periods.

**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** Transportation Trust Fund expenditures could decrease by \$16,800 in FY 1998 which accounts for the October 1 effective date; out-year expenditure estimates reflect annualization and salary growth. Potential indeterminate increase in computer programming costs as discussed below. Revenues would not be affected.

(in dollars)	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002
SF Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
SF Expenditures	(\$16,800)	(\$22,600)	(\$23,500)	(\$24,300)	(\$25,300)
Net Effect	\$16,800	\$22,600	\$23,500	\$24,300	\$25,300

*Note: ( ) - decrease; GF - general funds; FF - federal funds; SF - special funds*

**Local Effect:** None.

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

**Fiscal Analysis**

**State Expenditures:** There are approximately 4,200 applications for license reinstatements that would be affected annually under this bill. The Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) has a division, Driver Control - Education Reinstatement, that handles license reinstatements. However, applicants would not automatically have their licenses reinstated since other problems typically exist before their revoked licenses can be reinstated (e.g., out-of-state tickets, suspensions). Under the bill, individuals would no longer be required to apply for reinstatements. Thus, one permanent position (Office Assistant III) which handles

application approval letters could be eliminated. This could result in a decrease in Transportation Trust Fund expenditures of \$16,845 in fiscal 1998 which accounts for the October 1, 1997 effective date. This estimate reflects the elimination of the salary and fringe benefits for the position. Future year decreases reflect a full salary with 3.5% annual increases.

The MVA advises that computer programming expenditures could increase by an estimated \$71,300 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.

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