

Department of Legislative Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 1221 (Delegate Love)

Environmental Matters

Support Services - For-Hire Driving

This bill exempts governmental or non-profit organization drivers who provide specified transportation services from the Public Service Commission's driver licensing requirements. It authorizes a governmental unit or non-profit organization to obtain a criminal record history check of a driver through the Criminal Justice Information System, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, or a private investigator. However, a governmental unit or non-profit organization is prohibited from obtaining a criminal history records check or driving record check of a driver employed as of October 1, 1998 solely for the purpose of providing any of the specified transportation services. The specified transportation services include aging support; developmental and other disabilities; kidney dialysis; medical assistance program; head start; welfare-to-work; mental health; and job training services.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Minimal decrease in expenditures and revenues.

Local Effect: Minimal decrease in expenditures. Revenues would not be affected.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Fiscal Analysis

Background: Chapter 705 of 1997 requires drivers of for-hire motor vehicles to have a license issued by the Public Service Commission (PSC) and provides for the application, issuance, renewal, and fees of for-hire drivers' licenses, including a required criminal record check and driver record check.

State Effect: State special fund revenues from license and driver record check fees could decrease by a minimal amount due to the bill's exemption provision. Although PSC's

workload would decrease slightly, any resources freed up as a result of the bill's provisions are anticipated to be reassigned elsewhere within the commission. Other State agency expenditures could decrease to the extent that governmental programs will no longer be required to pay for PSC license fees, driver record checks, or a criminal history record check for the drivers covered under the bill's exemption. Any such impact is assumed to be minimal.

Local Expenditures: Local expenditures could decrease to the extent that governmental programs will no longer be required to pay for PSC license fees, driver record checks, or a criminal history record check for the drivers covered under the bill's exemption. Any such impact is assumed to be minimal.

Information Source(s): Department of Human Resources; Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (Mental Hygiene Administration); Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (Data Services Division); Public Service Commission; Office on Aging; Department of Transportation; Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation; Department of Legislative Services

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