

Department of Legislative Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 762 (Delegate Faulkner)(Bv Request)

Commerce and Government Matters

**Motor Vehicle Administration - Forms, Notices, and Documents -
Race/Ethnicity Identification**

This bill prohibits the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) from including a question intended to identify the race or ethnicity of an individual on any form, notice, or document.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Transportation Trust Fund expenditures would experience a one-time increase of approximately \$60,000 in FY 1999 for form revisions. Potential indeterminate increase in computer programming costs. Revenues would not be affected.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Fiscal Analysis

State Expenditures: The MVA will need to revise all forms that identify the race or ethnicity of an individual. These forms would include all license and identification card applications. The revision of such forms is expected to cost the Transportation Trust Fund approximately \$60,000.

The MVA advises that computer programming expenditures could increase by an estimated \$30,000 to modify the computer programs as proposed in this legislation. The Department of Legislative Services (DLS) 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, DLS 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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