

Department of Legislative Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 892 (Delegate Gettv)

Commerce and Government Matters

Commercial Drivers' Licenses - Skill Test Requirements - Waivers

This bill requires the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) to waive the skill test requirement for an applicant for a commercial driver's license to operate a school vehicle who: (1) holds a valid commercial driver's license; (2) has operated a commercial motor vehicle for at least two years preceding the date of application for the passenger-endorsed commercial driver's license; and (3) has never been disqualified from driving a commercial motor vehicle.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Transportation Trust Fund revenues could decrease by approximately \$30,600 annually. Expenditure would not be affected.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Fiscal Analysis

State Revenues: There are approximately 12,000 licensed school vehicle operators in Maryland. Currently, a commercial driver's license holder applying for a passenger endorsement would have to pay a \$40 fee to take the skill test. If the individual fails the skill test, the applicant can retake the test at an additional cost of \$20. This bill would eliminate the skill test requirement and the corresponding fee for specified drivers, which would result in a \$30,600 decrease in special fund revenues. This is based on the assumption that approximately 1,200 individuals seek a commercial passenger endorsement license each year, with approximately 50% of them already holding a commercial driver's license. Accordingly, 600 applicants each year would be exempt from the skill test.

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