

Department of Legislative Services  
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 374 (Chairman, Commerce and Government Matters Committee)  
(Departmental - State Police)

Commerce and Government Matters

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Vehicle Laws - Retention and Assessment of Points - Date of Conviction

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This departmental bill provides that points assessed against an individual's driving record are retained for a two-year period beginning from the date of conviction. Under existing law, the points are assessed as of the date of the violation.

The bill is effective January 1, 1999.

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** Potential indeterminate increase in Transportation Trust Fund expenditures for computer programming.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** The Department of State Police has determined that this bill has minimal or no impact on small businesses (attached). Legislative Services concurs with this assessment.

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Fiscal Analysis

**State Expenditures:** The MVA advises that computer programming expenditures could increase by an estimated \$20,000 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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**Information Source(s):** Department of State Police, Department of Transportation (Motor Vehicle Administration), Judiciary (District Court of Maryland), Department of Legislative Services

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