

Department of Legislative Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 1174 (Delegate Harkins)

Commerce and Government Matters

Vehicle Laws - Vehicle Combinations - Maximum Length

This bill extends the maximum permissible length of a combination of vehicles with a power unit that is a cargo-carrying vehicle from 55 feet to 62 feet.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Minimal decrease in special fund and general fund revenues as discussed below. No effect on expenditures.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Fiscal Analysis

State Revenues: In fiscal 1997, the State Highway Administration issued less than 10 permits for combinations of vehicles with power units that are cargo carrying with a length over the current law limit of 55 feet. Under the bill's provisions, the permits would no longer be necessary. The cost of a permit is \$50.

Extending the permissible length of such vehicles will decrease the number of vehicles in violation of the law; general fund revenues could thus decrease as fewer citations are issued. This violation carries a fine of \$120. However, the decrease is expected to be minimal as there were only three violations of this provision in fiscal 1997.

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