

Department of Legislative Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 1354 (Delegate Comeau, *et al.*)

Commerce and Government Matters

Task Force to Study Unlicensed Driving

This bill establishes a 15-member Task Force to Study Unlicensed Driving. The task force must: (1) examine issues relating to individuals without valid drivers' licenses who drive motor vehicles in the State; and (2) make recommendations to the General Assembly and appropriate State units for statutory and administrative changes to address the problems associated with unlicensed driving. Members may not receive compensation, but are entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the standard State travel regulations. The Department of Legislative Services, in cooperation with other appropriate State units, must provide staff support to the extent possible within existing resources. The task force must submit a report on unlicensed driving and its recommendations on or before December 1, 1998.

This bill takes effect July 1, 1998 and sunsets December 1, 1998.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. Staff support could be provided with existing resources. Expense reimbursements would depend upon the time, location, and frequency of the task force's meetings. It is expected that reimbursements for the six legislators, the three representatives of State agencies, and the representative of MAIF could be handled with existing budgeted resources of the affected agencies. Thus only five members of the task force could entail additional general fund expenditures for travel expenses. These expenditures are assumed to be minimal and absorbable within the Executive Department's existing resources.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

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