

Department of Legislative Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

Revised

House Bill 1394 (Delegate Genn)

Judiciary

**Manslaughter by Automobile - Homicide by Motor Vehicle -
Statute of Limitations - Corrective Repeal**

This emergency bill repeals the statute of limitations for the prosecution of manslaughter by automobile, vessel, and other vehicles operated in a grossly negligent manner and homicide by motor vehicle or vessel while intoxicated or under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Chapters 372 and 373 of 1997 changed these offenses from misdemeanors to felonies. There is no statute of limitations on the prosecution of felonies under current law. The bill is corrective in nature and will not directly affect governmental finances.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Information Source(s): Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (Division of Correction), Judiciary (The District Court), Department of Transportation (Motor Vehicle Administration), Department of Legislative Services

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