Department of Legislative Services

Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 75 (Delegate W. Baker)

Commerce and Government Matters

Motor Vehicle Administration - Chesapeake Bay Commemorative License Plate Program - Extension

This bill extends the Chesapeake Bay commemorative license plate program to July 1, 2000. The bill is effective June 1, 1998.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Chesapeake Bay Trust and Transportation Trust Fund revenues and expenditures would continue until July 1, 2000.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Fiscal Analysis

State Effect: The Chesapeake Bay commemorative license plate carries an initial fee of \$20, of which \$12 is allocated to the Chesapeake Bay Trust and \$8 is retained by the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) for cost recovery. In fiscal 1997, the MVA issued over 52,800 Chesapeake Bay commemorative license plates. Approximately \$634,000 was received by the Chesapeake Bay Trust from the program. The MVA retained revenues of approximately \$423,000, which were partially offset by production costs.

The proposed fiscal 1999 budget includes \$189,330 in Transportation Trust Fund (TTF) expenditures for the commemorative plate program. Additionally, the fiscal 1999 budget allowance assumes TTF revenues based on the number of plates issued in fiscal 1997 (\$423,000). The Chesapeake Bay Trust and the MVA would maintain current annual levels of revenues and expenditures as a result of the bill.

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