Department of Legislative Services

Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 16 (Delegate Arnick)

Judiciary

Drunk Driving - Participation in Ignition Interlock System Program

This bill authorizes the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) to require a licensee to participate in the ignition interlock system program if the licensee: (1) is under 21 years old; (2) did not refuse to take a chemical test; (3) has not been previously convicted of drunk or drugged driving; and (4) needs to drive in order to attend an educational institution. The bill also authorizes a hearing officer to require participation in the ignition interlock system program if the licensee has been convicted of drunk or drugged driving and a suspension would adversely affect the licensee's employment.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The MVA and the Office of Administrative Hearings could handle the bill's requirements with existing resources.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: Potential meaningful.

Fiscal Analysis

Small Business Effect: There are four small business vendors in the State that provide ignition interlock systems. This bill could result in the installation of an indeterminate number of such systems at an estimated cost of \$50. In addition to installation charges, vendors charge a monthly leasing fee of approximately \$55 per system. Thus, small businesses that provide ignition interlock systems could realize an increase in sales.

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