

Department of Legislative Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 226 (Chairman, Environmental Matters Committee)
(Departmental - Public Service Commission)

Environmental Matters

Public Service Commission - Motor Carriers

This bill significantly limits the jurisdiction of the Public Service Commission (PSC) over motor carriers providing transportation for hire by or through a contract with a public authority, or a federal, State, district, or municipal transportation agency. These motor carriers would remain subject to specified permitting conditions, and to the PSC's general authority to regulate services.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. Any decrease in workload for the PSC resulting from this bill would be negligible.

Local Effect: Potential minimal impact. Local governments would no longer be required to obtain PSC approval for changes in their transportation programs or approval of their contracts with private carriers.

Small Business Effect: The PSC has determined that this bill would have minimal or no impact on small businesses (attached). Legislative Services concurs with this assessment.

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