

Department of Legislative Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

Revised

House Bill 1017 (Delegate La Vav)

Commerce and Government Matters

Motor Vehicles - Rental Vehicles

This bill provides that the registered owner of a rental vehicle is not liable for any penalty in excess of the original fine for a parking violation unless notice of the violation is mailed to the business address of the owner and the owner fails to pay the fine or to file a notice of intention to stand trial. Further, if a political subdivision or State agency receives payment for a parking violation from both the owner of the vehicle and the person who rented the vehicle at the time of the violation, the political subdivision or State agency must reimburse the owner of the vehicle for the amount paid. The bill states that it is the intent of the General Assembly that the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA), local governments, and rental companies will work together on the implementation of these provisions with the goal of minimizing the flagging of rental vehicle registration due to unpaid parking citations without notice to the owners of the vehicles. These provisions of the bill are effective January 1, 1999.

The bill also requires that failure to return a rented or leased vehicle be reported as a theft to the MVA and the State Police. This provision is effective October 1, 1998.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Any effect on parking fine revenue is assumed to be minimal. The requirements of the bill could be handled with existing resources.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.
