

Department of Legislative Services  
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 1327 (Delegate Franchot)

Commerce and Government Matters

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Vehicle Laws - Unsafe Tires

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This bill alters the definition of an unsafe tire that is equipped with tread wear indicators. It provides that a tire is considered unsafe if the tread wear indicators are flush with the tread in any groove at three locations spaced approximately equally around the outside of the tire. This conforms the definition to the safety standard of tires without tread wear indicators.

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** None. The bill codifies existing practice with regard to the inspection criteria for unsafe tires, consistent with accepted federal and industry standards.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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