

Department of Legislative Services  
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 549 (Delegate Wood)

Commerce and Government Matters

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**Vehicle Laws - Vehicle Manufacturers and Distributors -  
Administrative Proceedings - Evidentiary Burden**

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This bill provides that in administrative hearings involving disputes between vehicle dealers and vehicle manufacturers or distributors, the manufacturers and distributors have the burden of proof and the burden of going forward to prove that they are in compliance with statutory requirements governing such business relationships.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** The bill would not directly affect State finances or operations.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** Potential minimal.

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**Information Source(s):** Department of Transportation (Motor Vehicle Administration),  
Office of Administrative Hearings, Department of Legislative Services

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