

Department of Legislative Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

Revised

Senate Bill 59 (Chairman. Judicial Proceedings Committee)
(Departmental - State Police)

Judicial Proceedings

Vehicle Theft - Admissibility of Affidavit

This departmental bill authorizes, in motor vehicle criminal cases involving theft, unlawful taking, or unauthorized use, the introduction of an affidavit by the lawful owner as evidence that: (1) the vehicle was taken unlawfully without authorization; and (2) the defendant did not have permission to operate, use, or possess the vehicle.

The State must provide at least 15 days written notice to the defendant of an intent to use such an affidavit. The defendant, at least 10 days prior to the proceeding, may require the State to compel the attendance and examination of the witness.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The change is procedural in nature and would not directly affect governmental finances.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: The Department of State Police has determined that this bill has minimal or no impact on small business (attached). Legislative Services concurs with this assessment. (This assessment does not reflect any amendments to the bill.)

Information Source(s): Judiciary (District Court), Department of State Police,
Department of Legislative Services

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