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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 890 (Delegate Giannetti)

Judiciary

Evidence - Negligence - Forfeiture of Collateral and Guilty Verdicts

This bill provides that in a personal injury or wrongful death suit arising out of a vehicle accident in which vehicular manslaughter, vehicular homicide while intoxicated, or life threatening injury by vehicle while intoxicated was charged, a forfeiture of collateral or a guilty verdict on the charge is admissible as evidence of negligence.

The bill is to be construed prospectively only.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The evidentiary change is not expected to significantly affect court caseloads or otherwise directly affect governmental finances.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: Potential minimal.

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

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