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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 900 (Delegates Kagan and Bronrott)

Commerce and Government Matters

Vehicle Laws - Drivers' Licenses - Seat Belt Restrictions

This bill requires the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) to impose on each learners' instructional permit and provisional drivers' license a restriction that prohibits the permit holder or licensee from operating a motor vehicle unless each occupant of the vehicle is restrained by a seat belt or child safety seat. Violations of this restriction will delay the advancement of permit holders or licensees to provisional or full licenses. Further, holders of provisional licenses who violate this restriction are subject to the administrative penalties applied to provisional licensees who commit moving violations.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Increase in Transportation Trust Fund expenditures of \$15,000 in FY 2000 only. Potential minimal increase in general fund revenue.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Fiscal Analysis

State Effect: This bill will add a new restriction code to learners' permits and provisional drivers' licenses. The MVA contracts with a private vendor to design and produce the template used for the production of drivers' licenses. It costs about \$15,000 for the vendor to redesign a template to reflect the new restriction code.

There is a \$50 fine for driving a vehicle in violation of a license restriction. To the extent that learners' permit holders and provisional licensees violate the seat belt restriction, general

fund revenues could increase. Any such increase is assumed to be minimal.

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