

Department of Legislative Services  
Maryland General Assembly  
1999 Session

FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 481 (Senator Hafer)

Judicial Proceedings

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Vehicle Laws - Vehicle Combinations - Maximum Length

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This bill extends the maximum permissible length of a combination of vehicles with a power unit that is a cargo-carrying vehicle from 55 feet to 62 feet.

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** Minimal decrease in special fund and general fund revenues. No effect on expenditures.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** Minimal.

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Fiscal Analysis

**State Revenues:** In fiscal 1998 the State Highway Administration issued less than ten permits for combinations of vehicles with power units that are cargo carrying with a length over the current law limit of 55 feet. Under the bill's provisions, the permits would no longer be necessary. The cost of a permit is \$50.

Extending the permissible length of such vehicles will decrease the number of vehicles in violation of the law; general fund revenues could thus decrease as fewer citations are issued. This violation carries a fine of \$120. However, the decrease is expected to be minimal as there were 166 citations issued for length violations under this provision in fiscal 1998.

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

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