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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 172 (Delegate Hutchins)

Judiciary

Vessels - Operating While Under the Influence of Drugs or Alcohol

This bill provides that the results of a test to determine the drug or controlled dangerous substance content of a person's blood is admissible as evidence in a criminal trial of a violation of operating a vessel while under the influence of a controlled dangerous substance, drug, or combination of drugs and alcohol. The bill further establishes that it is prima facie evidence that an individual was operating a vessel while intoxicated if the individual has an alcohol concentration of .10 or more, as determined by analysis of the individual's blood or breath.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill's changes are technical in nature and will not affect State finances or operations.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Information Source(s): Department of Natural Resources, Judiciary (The District Court), Department of Legislative Services

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