

Department of Legislative Services  
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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 892 (Delegate Giannetti)

Judiciary

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**Crimes - Unlawful Taking and Use of Motor Vehicles and Other Personal Property**

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This bill increases the maximum penalties for the unauthorized taking and use of a motor vehicle and other personal property. Specifically, the bill increases these maximums from a \$100 fine and/or imprisonment for six months to a \$5,000 fine and/or imprisonment for five years.

The bill also repeals provisions pertaining to the separate offense of the unlawful taking of a motor vehicle. The current law maximum penalties for the unlawful taking of a motor vehicle are a fine of \$5,000 and/or imprisonment for five years.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** Minimal. The extent to which these changes may have an effect on charging practices, conviction rates, or sentences rendered cannot be reliably predicted. In any event, it is assumed that any additional incarcerations (or lengths of stay) resulting from this bill would be minimal.

**Local Effect:** Minimal. The extent to which these changes may have an effect on charging practices, conviction rates, or sentences rendered cannot be reliably predicted. In any event, it is assumed that any reduction in local incarcerations resulting from this bill would be minimal.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Information Source(s):** Judiciary (Administrative Office of the Courts), Department of

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