

Department of Legislative Services
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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 323 (Delegates Menes and Vallario)
Judiciary

Motor Vehicles - Drunk Driving - Punitive Damages

This bill provides that a party may recover punitive damages from a person who causes personal injury or wrongful death while driving or attempting to drive a motor vehicle while intoxicated, if specified requirements are met. The bill does not affect the provisions of the Local Government Tort Claims Act or the Maryland Tort Claims Act.

The bill shall be construed prospectively only.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill would not directly affect State finances. The State is not liable for punitive damages under the Maryland Tort Claims Act.

Local Effect: None. The bill would not directly affect local finances. Local governments are not liable for punitive damages under the Local Government Tort Claims Act.

Small Business Effect: Potential minimal.

Information Source(s): Judiciary (District Court of Maryland), Office of the Attorney General, Department of Legislative Services

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