

Department of Legislative Services  
Maryland General Assembly  
1999 Session

**FISCAL NOTE**

Senate Bill 26 (Senator Ruben)

Judicial Proceedings

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**Vehicle Laws - Mandatory Seat Belt Use**

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This bill expands the application of the mandatory seat belt requirement by prohibiting a person who is at least 16 years old from being a passenger in any seat of a motor vehicle without wearing a seat belt. Current law requires that only those adult passengers in the outboard front seats of the motor vehicle and passengers under 16 years old in any seat in the motor vehicle must be restrained by a seat belt.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** Indeterminate general fund revenue increase from the penalty provision applicable to this offense under the Maryland Vehicle Law (maximum \$500 fine). Any increase is assumed to be minimal. Expenditures would not be affected as enforcement could be handled with existing resources.

**Local Effect:** None. Enforcement could be handled with existing resources.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Information Source(s):** Department of State Police, Department of Transportation (Motor Vehicle Administration), Judiciary (The District Court of Maryland), Department of Legislative Services

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