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**FISCAL NOTE**

**Revised**

Senate Bill 40 (Chairman, Judicial Proceedings Committee)  
(Departmental - Transportation)

Judicial Proceedings

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**Vehicle Laws - Drivers' Schools and Instructors**

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This departmental bill adds the crime of moral turpitude to the list of offenses for which the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) may suspend, revoke, or refuse to grant or renew certification of a drivers' school or a driving instructor. The bill also requires the MVA to suspend or revoke such certifications immediately if it is determined that there is a danger of immediate, substantial, and continuing harm to the public if the certification is continued. The MVA must then grant a hearing within seven days of a request for a hearing. If there is no such harm suspected, the MVA may suspend or revoke or reinstate a certification after there has been a hearing.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** Because it is assumed that this bill will apply in a limited number of cases, State finances will not be materially affected.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** The Department of Transportation has determined that this bill has minimal or no impact on small business (attached). Legislative Services concurs with this assessment. (The attached assessment does not reflect amendments to the bill).

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## Analysis

**Current Law:** The MVA may only suspend or revoke a certification after a hearing has been held. Also, a suspension or revocation may occur only if the certified entity fails to comply with the rules and regulations governing driving schools and instructors, not for crimes of moral turpitude.

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### Additional Information

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

**Information Source(s):** Maryland Department of Transportation (Motor Vehicle Administration), Department of Legislative Services

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