

Department of Legislative Services  
Maryland General Assembly  
2000 Session

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 131 (Delegate Arnick)  
Commerce and Government Matters

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**Motor Vehicle Administration - Hearings - Venue for Judicial Review**

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This bill makes various changes to provisions relating to venue for Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) appeals. The changes require the MVA to file an appeal from an administrative hearing in the circuit court for the county in which the defendant driver resides.

The bill applies to appeals filed on or after the bill's October 1, 2000, effective date.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** The bill would not significantly impact State operations or finances. Sixty-two MVA administrative appeals were filed statewide in calendar 1999.

**Local Effect:** It is expected that any workload shift from Anne Arundel County circuit court to other circuit courts resulting from the bill could be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** The venue statute as currently written enables the MVA to appeal administrative decisions to the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County regardless of where the defendant resides.

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**Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

**Information Source(s):** Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County, Department of Transportation (Motor Vehicle Administration), Department of Legislative Services

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