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House Bill 532 (Delegates Dembrow and Arnick)

Commerce and Government Matters

Vehicle Laws - Issuance of Temporary "Maryland Only" Driver's License

This bill authorizes the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) to issue a temporary driver's license that is valid only in Maryland to an applicant for reinstatement of a suspended or revoked license; for renewal of a license; or for a duplicate or corrected license if: (1) the applicant's privilege to drive was revoked or suspended in another state as a result of failing to comply with the licensing requirements of that state, if a comparable violation in Maryland would not have resulted in revocation or suspension; (2) the initial violation that led to the revocation or suspension did not occur within the preceding five years; (3) the applicant is otherwise qualified to be licensed in Maryland; and (4) the MVA determines that the applicant will be able to take any actions required by the other state for the reinstatement of the privilege to drive in that state. The "Maryland only" driver's license may only be valid for 90 days.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Minimal increase in Transportation Trust Fund expenditures for temporary "Maryland only" driver's license forms and computer programming.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The MVA may issue a driver's license that is valid only in Maryland to an applicant who has been suspended in another state as the result of failing to comply with the financial responsibility requirements of that state. There is no statutory expiration date for

such licenses.

State Expenditures: The MVA advises it will issue handwritten licenses to fulfill the bill's requirements. Costs associated with the license forms are expected to be minimal, approximately \$400 per year.

The MVA advises that computer programming expenditures could increase by an estimated \$40,000 to modify the computer programs to establish a new record keeping mechanism. The Department of Legislative Services (DLS) advises that if other legislation is passed requiring computer reprogramming changes, economies of scale could be realized. This would reduce computer programming costs associated with this bill and other legislation affecting the MVA system. Further, DLS advises that the increased computer expenditure is simply an estimate and the MVA may be able to handle the changes with either less money than it estimates or existing resources.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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