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FISCAL NOTE
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House Bill 1173 (Delegate Vallario)

Judiciary

Crimes - Driving While License Revoked - Penalties

This bill requires the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) to issue to an individual with a revoked license who is convicted of a moving violation a notice extending the date before which the individual is not eligible for reinstatement. The notice must state the duration of the extension of the license revocation and advise the individual of the right to request a hearing. The MVA may not assess points for the moving violations under such circumstances.

The period of a license revocation may not be extended for more than 180 days if: (1) the individual does not request a hearing; (2) after a hearing, the individual is determined to have been convicted of offenses specified by the bill; or (3) the individual fails to appear for a hearing requested by the individual.

This bill specifically prohibits the MVA from revoking a license that is currently revoked.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Potential minimal increase in Transportation Trust Fund expenditures for computer programming.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: An individual convicted of driving with a suspended, revoked, canceled, or otherwise ineligible license in this State is assessed 12 points. An individual convicted of a moving violation is assessed between one and 12 points, depending on the violation. The MVA is required to revoke the license of an individual who accumulates 12 points.

State Expenditures: In practice, MVA cannot revoke a license that has already been revoked. However, the MVA has some discretion in how it reinstates revoked licenses. An individual whose license was revoked for the first time may apply for reinstatement after six months. It is likely that the MVA would impose a second revocation after the individual applies for reinstatement. The bill simply alters MVA's administrative procedures for dealing with the reinstatement of revoked licenses.

The MVA advises that computer programming expenditures could increase by an estimated \$20,000 to modify the computer programs to reflect the new procedures. 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 either with less money than it estimates or with existing resources.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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