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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 264 (Delegate Wood)

Commerce and Government Matters

**Vehicle Law - Vehicles Over 10,000 Pound Rating - Restriction on
Passengers in Cargo Area**

This bill prohibits a person from riding in the cargo area of a truck with a gross vehicle weight rating of over 10,000 pounds, or a truck/trailer or truck tractor/semitrailer or trailer combination that has a combined gross vehicle weight rating of over 10,000 pounds, while the vehicle is being driven on a highway. The bill provides for exceptions including riding in the cargo area of specified farm vehicles and in the cargo area of specified military vehicles.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Minimal general fund revenue increase from the penalty provision applicable to this offense under the Maryland Vehicle Law (maximum \$500 fine). Enforcement could be handled with existing resources.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: No passengers under the age of 16 may ride in the unenclosed bed of a Class E (pick-up) truck. Further, no one may ride in a mobile home that is being towed on a highway.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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