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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 1314 (Delegate Frush. *et al.*)

Commerce and Government Matters

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Vehicle Laws - Parking Citation - Expiration

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This bill requires parking citations to expire after three years from the date on which the citation was issued. The bill further requires the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) to remove a registration suspension or refusal to register upon expiration of a parking citation.

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** Potential increase in Transportation Trust Fund expenditures of up to \$100,000 for computer programming. Revenues from parking citations are not expected to be significantly affected.

**Local Effect:** Potential minimal decrease in parking citation fine revenue.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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Analysis

**Current Law:** There are no existing statutes of limitations for parking citations. The MVA may not register or transfer the registration of any vehicle with outstanding parking citations. Further, the MVA may suspend the registration of any vehicle with outstanding parking citations.

**State Revenues:** Some State-owned facilities such as universities issue parking citations. The bill would negate a parking citation and the associated fine if that citation has been in effect for at least three years. However, because the MVA will not renew an individual's registration if that individual has outstanding parking citations, it is assumed that the vast majority of fines are paid at the time of registration renewal. Motor vehicle registrations

must be renewed every two years. Accordingly, revenues associated with parking citation fines should not be significantly affected.

**State Expenditures:** The MVA advises that computer programming expenditures could increase by an estimated \$100,000 to modify the computer programs to reflect the date of citation issuance instead of the date on which the MVA received the data. 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.

**Local Revenues:** Local authorities issue the majority of parking citations in the State. The exact amount of revenue generated by such citations is not readily available. As stated above, because the MVA will not renew an individual's registration if that individual has outstanding parking citations, it is assumed that most outstanding parking citations would not be affected by the bill. However, in those cases where a parking citation would remain in effect for over three years, revenues would decrease.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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