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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 776 (Delegate Giannetti)

Judiciary

Vehicle Laws - Drunk Driving - Modification of License Suspension

This bill allows the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) to modify a license suspension or issue a restrictive license to an individual whose license was suspended due to drunk driving offenses if it is necessary for the licensee to transport specified relatives to and from a medical facility.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Potential minimal increase in Transportation Trust Fund (TTF) expenditures for administrative hearings.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The MVA may modify a suspension or issue a restrictive license if: (1) the licensee did not refuse to take a test; (2) the licensee has not had a license suspended under this section during the past five years; (3) the licensee has not been convicted of drunk driving offenses during the past five years; and (4) (a) the licensee is required to drive a motor vehicle in the course of employment or to attend an alcoholic prevention or treatment program; or (b) it finds that the licensee has no alternative means of transportation available to or from the licensee's place of employment and, without the license, the licensee's ability to earn a living would be severely impaired.

State Fiscal Effect: To obtain a modified suspension, a licensee must first request an

administrative hearing. It costs the MVA approximately \$92 in reimbursable funds to the Office of Administrative Hearings for each MVA hearing. To the extent that individuals request modified suspensions to transport specified relatives to and from a medical facility, TTF expenditures could increase.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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