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**FISCAL NOTE**

Senate Bill 46 (Chairman, Judicial Proceedings Committee)  
(Departmental - Transportation)

Judicial Proceedings

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**Nonresident Motor Carrier Citation Program - Repeal**

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This departmental bill repeals the provisions of the nonresident motor carrier citation program of the Motor Vehicle Law.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None. The bill repeals a provision of the Motor Vehicle Law that is no longer applicable, thereby codifying existing practice.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** The Department of Transportation has determined that this bill has minimal or no impact on small business (attached). Legislative Services concurs with this assessment.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** In 1996, Maryland entered the International Fuel Tax Agreement (IFTA), an agreement among states to unify the reporting of motor fuel used by motor carriers for tax purposes. Motor carriers register in their base states of operation only and receive only one license and one set of decals.

**Background:** Prior to the adoption of IFTA, motor carriers were required to register in every state in which they traveled. In Maryland, in addition to the out-of-state registration, nonresident motor carriers were required to apply to the nonresident motor carrier citation

program. The program required nonresident motor carriers to post bonds that assured the payment of traffic citations issued by Maryland police officers. Without participation in the program, a nonresident motor carrier who was issued a citation would be required to go before a judge to post a bond before being allowed to continue on Maryland roads. Currently, this assurance of payment is provided through the regulations of IFTA. Consequently, the language as repealed by the bill is no longer applicable.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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