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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 929 (Delegate Giannetti. *et al.*)

Judiciary

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**Vehicle Laws - Administrative Per Se Offenses - Issuance of Identification Card**

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This bill authorizes the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) to issue identification cards to those individuals who have had their driver's licenses confiscated and have been issued temporary licenses because of drunk driving offenses.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** Potential minimal increase in Transportation Trust Fund (TTF) revenues and expenditures due to the issuance of additional identification cards.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** The MVA is required to issue an identification card to any individual who: (1) is a resident of the State; (2) does not have a driver's license; (3) presents a birth certificate; and (4) completes an application. Further, the MVA is authorized to issue identification cards to any individual whose privilege to drive has been refused, canceled, suspended, or revoked.

**Background:** An individual is issued a 45-day temporary license by a police officer if that individual fails a blood alcohol test or refuses to take the test. The original driver's license is confiscated by the officer. Such individuals are not authorized to obtain an identification card from the MVA and are therefore without a photo identification until after an administrative hearing. The bill addresses the need for photo identifications for those

holding temporary driver's licenses in order to conduct a variety of daily business activities such as check cashing or traveling by plane.

**State Fiscal Effect:** In fiscal 1999, approximately 14,000 45-day temporary licenses were issued by police officers and 76,000 identification cards were issued by the MVA. The MVA charges a \$10 fee for each identification card.

The MVA assumes that 7,000 additional individuals per year will request an identification card due to the bill. Based on this assumption, annual TTF revenues would increase by \$70,000. The MVA advises that the bill will result in overtime costs of \$12,180 annually to process the increased applications for identification cards. However, the Department of Legislative Services (DLS) advises that all the MVA branches may not be operating at full capacity. It is possible that some of the additional work could be performed without paying overtime. DLS further advises that the actual number of applications that result from the bill cannot be reliably estimated at this time.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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