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FISCAL NOTE

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House Bill 411 (Delegate Glassman, *et al.*)

Commerce and Government Matters

Judicial Proceedings

Task Force to Study Motor Vehicle Salvage Inspection and Titling Practices

This bill creates a 13-member task force to explore methods of modernizing vehicle salvage inspection and titling practices by studying: (1) options to decentralize salvage inspection and the use of certified inspection stations; (2) ways to implement the electronic transfer of salvage inspection assignments; and (3) the appropriateness of fees for salvage inspections. The bill directs the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) to provide staff and administrative support. The task force is required to issue a report and its recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 1, 2001. The bill is effective June 1, 2001.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Any expense reimbursements for the task force members and staffing costs for the MVA could be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: None applicable.

Background: Vehicle owners who want to retain a salvaged vehicle must obtain a new title for the car and a salvage title certificate from the insurance company, which in turn obtains the certificate from the MVA for \$20. The vehicle must be inspected by the State

Police and also pass standard State safety inspection. The Department of State Police advises that it does not charge for the salvage inspection but some neighboring states do.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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