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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 704 (Delegate Bronrott, *et al.*)
Commerce and Government Matters

Motor Vehicle Laws - Violations - Assessment of Points

This bill assesses two points to the license of a driver who: (1) fails to stop when a pedestrian is crossing the roadway in a crosswalk; or (2) passes a vehicle that is stopped to allow a pedestrian to cross the roadway. The bill also increases, from two to three, the points assessed to the license of a driver who fails to stop for a steady red traffic signal.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Enforcement could be handled with existing resources. Revenues would not be affected.

Local Effect: Enforcement could be handled with existing resources. Revenues would not be affected.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: A driver who: (1) fails to stop when a pedestrian is crossing the roadway in a crosswalk; or (2) passes a vehicle that is stopped to allow a pedestrian to cross the roadway may be assigned one point for each violation. A driver who fails to stop for a steady red traffic signal may be fined \$100 and assessed two points.

Background: In fiscal 2000 there were 30,288 violations for failure to stop for a steady red light and 82 violations of the other offenses referenced in the bill. Of these, 13,512 individuals appeared for trial in the District Court. Increasing the number of points assessed for a violation, as required by the bill, may result in an increased caseload for

the District Court. However, any such increase is not expected to materially affect the finances or operations of the District Court.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: SB 405 (Senator Ruben, *et al.*) - Judicial Proceedings.

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