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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 509

(Delegate Bronrott)

Commerce and Government Matters

**Motor Vehicle Administration - Records - Violations Committed by Persons
Under the Age of 21 Years**

This bill requires the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) to maintain records of alcohol-related violations committed by individuals under age 21 and to segregate those records so that they are available only to the MVA, the courts, criminal justice agencies, and the individual or the individual's attorney.

The bill also prohibits the MVA from disclosing records of these violations and prohibits consideration of these violations by the courts until the individual makes a plea or a finding of guilt or a finding of the commission of a delinquent act is made by the court.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Potential Transportation Trust Fund expenditure increase of \$30,000 to reprogram the computer systems in FY 2002 only.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The MVA is required to keep a record of each person whose license has been suspended or revoked and the reasons for the action. Probations before judgment or a first violation of driving with a blood alcohol concentration of .10 or higher must be segregated and made available only to the MVA, the courts, criminal justice agencies,

and the defendant or the defendant's attorney. The courts cannot receive or consider these violations until a plea of guilty or no contest is made by the defendant or a finding of guilt is made by the court. MVA employees are prohibited from disclosing records pertaining to these violations.

State Expenditures: The MVA advises that the bill would require changes to the automated procedures for segregated records that would cost an estimated \$30,000 in fiscal 2002. The Department of Legislative Services notes that this is only an estimate and that economies of scale can be realized if other bills also require computer programming changes.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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