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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 1136

(Delegate Bartlett, *et al.*)

Judiciary

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Vehicle Laws - Accidents Involving Death or Bodily Injury - Duty to Stop

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This bill requires the driver of a vehicle involved in an accident resulting in bodily injury or death to stop within view of the accident, rather than “as close as possible” as required under current law.

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** None. The bill’s requirements could be enforced with existing resources.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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Analysis

**Current Law:** The driver of each vehicle involved in an accident that results in death or bodily injury must immediately stop the vehicle as close as possible to the scene of the accident without obstructing traffic more than necessary. The driver must render reasonable assistance to any person injured in the accident and, if the person requests medical treatment or it is apparent that medical treatment is necessary, arrange for the transportation of the person to a physician, surgeon, or hospital for medical treatment.

A driver who fails to immediately stop a vehicle at an accident scene involving bodily injury or death or fails to remain at the scene is subject to 12 points assessed against his or her driver’s license and license revocation. Any person convicted of failing to remain at the scene if the accident resulted in bodily injury to another person faces a fine of up to

\$3,000 and imprisonment up to one year or both. If the accident resulted in a person's death, the driver faces a fine of up to \$5,000 and imprisonment for up to two years or both.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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