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(Delegate Boteler, *et al.*)

Public Service Commission - For-Hire Driver's License - Review of Driving Record of Applicant

This bill requires the Public Service Commission (PSC) to perform a review of the complete Maryland driving record of any for-hire driver's license applicant. Also, PSC must review the driving record of an applicant for the past three years in each state in which the applicant held a driver's license within that period.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill's requirements could be handled with existing resources.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: PSC has licensing authority over for-hire driver licenses for use in any county or municipality that does not issue its own licenses. This includes: (1) sedan licenses in all counties; and (2) taxi licenses in Baltimore County, Baltimore City, Cumberland, and Hagerstown.

PSC is required to perform a driving record check of any for-hire driver's license applicant. A county or municipality may issue taxi licenses and at minimum must conduct a criminal record check and driving record check of each applicant for a license.

Background: PSC advises that a complete, certified Maryland driving record, as well as the driving record in other states in which the applicant has been licensed for the prior 10 years, is currently required as part of the license application.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

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