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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 687

(Delegate McComas, *et al.*)

Judiciary

Judicial Proceedings

Vehicle Laws - Driver and Vehicle Registration Records - Admissibility of Copies
in Judicial Proceedings

This bill provides for the admissibility of a computer printout of any driving or vehicle registration record of the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) in a judicial proceeding in the same manner as the original if the printout is obtained by the office of a sheriff, the Office of the State's Attorney, the Office of the State Prosecutor, and the Office of the Attorney General through a computer terminal tied into the MVA.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: This bill is not expected to affect State finances.

Local Effect: This bill is not expected to affect local government finances.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: By statute, a computer printout of any driving or vehicle registration record of the MVA is admissible in a judicial proceeding in the same manner as the original record if obtained by a police agency or court through a computer terminal tied into the MVA.

Under Rule 5-1002 of the Maryland Rules of Evidence, the original writing is required to prove the contents of that writing, except as otherwise provided in rule or statute.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

Information Source(s): State's Attorneys' Association, Town of Bel Air, Town of Leonardtown, Kent County, Montgomery County, Prince George's County, Washington County, Worcester County, Department of Business and Economic Development, Judiciary (Administrative Office of the Courts), Department of State Police, Maryland Department of Transportation, Department of Legislative Services

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