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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**

Senate Bill 446 (Senator Pugh, *et al.*)  
Judicial Proceedings

**Correctional Facilities - Released Inmates - Identification Cards**

This bill requires the Commissioner of Correction to issue an identification card to an inmate being released from confinement in a State correctional facility. The identification card must comply with the requirements for an identification card issued by the Motor Vehicle Administration.

**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** Assuming that MVA provides the cards to the Division of Correction, general fund expenditures could increase with a corresponding special fund revenue increase for MVA of about \$168,750 in FY 2009. Out-years reflect annualization and a relatively stable level in the number of inmates released annually.

(in dollars)	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
SF Revenue	\$168,800	\$225,000	\$225,000	\$225,000	\$225,000
GF Expenditure	168,800	225,000	225,000	225,000	225,000
Net Effect	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

*Note:() = decrease; GF = general funds; FF = federal funds; SF = special funds; - = indeterminate effect*

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

## Analysis

**Current Law:** Like a State issued driver's license, an identification card issued by MVA must contain a color photograph of the applicant. For an individual younger than 21, the photo is a profile photograph.

All applicants for an initial Maryland driver's license or ID card must present one of the following documents:

- birth certificate, court change of name order, or valid foreign passport or valid INS document, plus one additional primary source of identification with the applicant's signature;
- birth certificate, court change of name order, valid foreign passport or valid INS document, plus two additional secondary sources of identification, one of which must contain the applicant's signature; or
- a document or documents with the applicant's full name and signature if digital image is on file with MVA and is retrievable for identification purposes.

All applicants must provide two proofs of Maryland residence.

Under provisions of the Correctional Services Article, the term "inmate" means an individual who is actually or constructively detained or confined in a correctional facility. Annually, the Division of Correction (DOC) releases a total of about 15,000 inmates statewide from incarceration.

**State Fiscal Effect:** An MVA issued ID card costs \$15 (good for five years) if the applicant is over 16 years old, and \$5 if under 16 (good for two years). Assuming that, under the bill, about 15,000 cards would need to be issued annually by DOC through the operations of MVA at a cost of \$15 per card, this bill would result in additional annual expenditures for DOC of about \$225,000. Because of the bill's October 1, 2008 effective date, it is estimated that about 11,250 inmates would be released during the remainder of fiscal 2008, at a cost of \$168,750.

MVA identification card revenues would increase by a like amount each year. MVA has also advised that the agency has some mobile capacity to provide card issuance services at State correctional facility sites.

## **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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