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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 1029 (Delegate Conaway)
 Environmental Matters

Motor Vehicle Administration - New Felony Summary - Public Notice

This bill requires the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) to annually publish a summary of all the criminal laws of the State that have been changed from a misdemeanor to a felony in the prior year and mail this summary, without charge, to the address of each driver’s license or identification card holder of record at MVA.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Transportation Trust Fund (TTF) expenditures increase by almost \$1.6 million in FY 2010 for the cost of publication and mailing to each driver’s license and identification card holder of record at MVA and for computer reprogramming. Future year expenditures reflect inflation and annual increases in licenses and identification cards issued. Revenues are not affected.

(in dollars)	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014
Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
SF Expenditure	1,561,800	1,546,300	1,568,700	1,591,400	1,614,400
Net Effect	(\$1,561,800)	(\$1,546,300)	(\$1,568,700)	(\$1,591,400)	(\$1,614,400)

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

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: MVA is authorized, but not required, to publish a summary of the laws of the State that relate to the operation of vehicles and give this summary, without charge, along with each original vehicle registration or original driver's license it issues.

MVA may also publish copies of the Maryland Vehicle Law and related laws, rules, and regulations and charge a price reflecting the cost of preparation, publication, and mailing to each member of the public who requests a copy.

State Fiscal Effect: TTF expenditures increase by \$1,561,787 in fiscal 2010 and by \$1,614,447 in fiscal 2014. This estimate is based on the following information and assumptions:

- as of October 2008 there were 4,429,356 active registered licensed drivers and registered photo identification holders in Maryland;
- the cost of postage per license and identification card holder is \$0.324;
- MVA assumes that three pieces of paper are needed for each summary;
- 1% inflation and 0.5% average annual increases in the number of driver's license and identification card holders; and
- MVA advises that it needs to reprogram certain internal computers at an estimated cost of \$37,500.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: A nearly identical bill was introduced in the 2008 session as HB 1133 and received an unfavorable report from the House Environmental Matters Committee.

Cross File: None.

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