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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

Senate Bill 669

(Senator Raskin)

Judicial Proceedings

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Moving Violation Points Accountability Act

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This bill requires the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) to retain a point assessed against an individual convicted of a violation of the Maryland Vehicle Laws for two years from the date of the conviction.

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** Potential minimal increase in Transportation Trust Fund expenditures in FY 2010 for contractual costs associated with computer reprogramming. Revenues are not affected.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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Analysis

**Current Law:** MVA is required to retain a point assessed against an individual convicted of a violation of the Maryland Vehicle Laws for two years from the date of the violation.

**Background:** Most states have established a driver license point system to encourage better driving habits. Points are generally removed from the license automatically within a certain period of time. However, states are split with regard to the date on which a point removal period begins. Many states, including Delaware, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and California, mark the beginning of this period from the date on which the violation

occurred. Other states, such as West Virginia, Connecticut, and Texas, require the removal period begin from the date of conviction.

**State Expenditures:** MVA advises that computer reprogramming is necessary to implement the requirements of this bill. If MVA is unable to accomplish this computer reprogramming with existing staff and resources, it may be necessary to contract with an outside computer services vendor at a cost of between \$10,000 and \$40,000. Legislative Services advises that, if other legislation is passed requiring computer reprogramming changes, economies of scale could be realized should it be necessary to retain outside contractual services. This would reduce the costs associated with this bill and the other legislation affecting MVA.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** HB 362 (Delegate Ali, *et al.*) - Environmental Matters.

**Information Source(s):** Judiciary (Administrative Office of the Courts), Department of State Police, Maryland Department of Transportation, Department of Legislative Services

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