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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 871 (Delegate Howard, *et al.*)
Environmental Matters

Vehicle Laws - Registration of Vehicles - New Residents

This bill shortens from 60 days to 45 days, the period after which the vehicle of a new resident must be registered with the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA).

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Transportation Trust Fund and other special fund revenues may increase minimally in FY 2011 as a small number of individuals pay registration and other vehicle-related fees and taxes to MVA who would otherwise register in FY 2012. Future year revenues may increase negligibly due to individuals who reside in the State for 45 days but who leave the State before their sixtieth day of residency, and therefore are required to register their vehicle under the bill, but not at current law. Potential minimal increase in general fund revenues due to additional violations of the requirement that vehicles be registered.

Local Effect: Potential negligible increase in local revenues as the share of funds distributed to local jurisdiction as highway user revenues increases.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Registration is not required for a vehicle owned by a new resident of the State during the first 60 days of residency. However, during this period the vehicle must display valid registration issued by the resident's former jurisdiction. A person who drives or attempts to drive a vehicle on any highway in this State in violation of these

provisions is guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to a maximum fine of \$500 under the Maryland Vehicle Law. The prepayment penalty assessed by the District Court is \$280.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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