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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 789

(Delegate Stein)

Environmental Matters

Judicial Proceedings

Driver's License Applications - Cosigner for Minors - Department of Social Services

This bill authorizes the director of a local department of social services, or the director's designee, to cosign on a driver's license application for a minor committed to the custody or guardianship of the department.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill's change is procedural and can be implemented by the Motor Vehicle Administration and the Department of Human Resources with existing resources. Transportation Trust Fund, special fund, and general fund revenues increase due to the collection of additional vehicle excise taxes, as well as driver's license, registration, and other related fees to the extent the bill results in a greater number of licensed drivers. Any such impact cannot be reliably estimated but is expected to be minimal.

Local Effect: The bill is not anticipated to materially affect local operations or finances.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The application of a minor for a driver's license must be cosigned by a parent or guardian of the applicant, or if the applicant has no parent or guardian or is married, an adult employer of the applicant or any other responsible adult.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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