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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**  
**First Reader**

Senate Bill 887

(Senator Augustine)

Judicial Proceedings

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**Motor Vehicles - Duplicate Driver's Licenses - Victims of Robbery or Theft**

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This bill requires the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) to issue a duplicate license free of charge to a victim of a robbery or theft whose license is taken if the driver applying for a duplicate license presents a police report of the robbery or theft.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** MVA can implement the bill's requirements with existing resources. Transportation Trust Fund (TTF) revenues decrease, likely minimally, beginning in FY 2020 as fewer individuals pay a duplicate license fee.

**Local Effect:** The bill does not affect local government finances or operations.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law/Background:** Should a driver's license be lost, stolen, mutilated, or destroyed, the driver is required to immediately apply for a duplicate license. Failure to do so is a misdemeanor; the prepaid fine established by the District Court is \$70.

MVA notes that it currently has a process in place to address situations in which a victim of a crime seeks to obtain a duplicate driver's license. However, such an individual is charged a \$20 duplicate license fee.

**State Revenues:** Because the \$20 duplicate license fee may no longer be charged by MVA in the circumstance specified under the bill, TTF revenues decrease, likely minimally,

beginning in fiscal 2020. MVA advises that it does not track the number of replacement driver's licenses that are issued as a result of robbery or theft. However, the anticipated decrease in revenues as a result of the bill is expected to be minimal.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** HB 132 of 2018, a nearly identical bill, passed the House and was referred to the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee, but no further action was taken. Its cross file, SB 580, received a hearing in the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee, but no further action was taken.

**Cross File:** HB 146 (Delegate Fennell, *et al.*) - Environment and Transportation.

**Information Source(s):** Department of State Police; Maryland Department of Transportation; Department of Legislative Services

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