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House Bill 1076

(Delegate Wivell)

Environment and Transportation

Judicial Proceedings

Vehicle Laws - Electronic or Digital 24-Hour Registration

This bill authorizes the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) to issue an electronic or digital 24-hour registration allowing an owner of a vehicle to operate the vehicle on a highway in the State. Any such registration may only be issued after an application has been submitted and the required fee has been paid. The amount of the fee must be established by MVA. A registration may be issued pursuant to the bill’s authorization only after the vehicle owner has provided proof of identity, vehicle identification number, and insurance. MVA may not issue more than one 24-hour registration for each vehicle sales transaction. MVA must adopt regulations to carry out the bill’s requirements.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Transportation Trust Fund (TTF) revenues may increase minimally to the extent the new registration option established by the bill is utilized. TTF expenditures increase by \$42,800 in FY 2023 only for reprogramming.

(in dollars)	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
SF Expenditure	42,800	0	0	0	0
Net Effect	(\$42,800)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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

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

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Current Law:

Temporary Registration Plates, Generally

If an application for registration and certificate of title of a vehicle is accompanied by the required fees, MVA may issue a temporary registration to permit the vehicle to be driven pending action on the application by MVA. A temporary registration may be issued for a period of up to 60 days. The fee for a temporary registration plate is \$20. However, these provisions only apply to sales between persons who are not licensed dealers.

Temporary Dealer Registration Plates

MVA is authorized to furnish temporary registration plates to any licensed vehicle dealer who (1) applies for at least five plates on the required form and (2) submits the required \$15 fee. A licensed dealer may issue one temporary registration plate for a vehicle to the person who buys a vehicle from the dealer, *whether or not the vehicle is to be registered in Maryland.*

Temporary In-transit Registrations

MVA is authorized to issue (upon application and payment of a required fee) a temporary in-transit registration to allow a nonresident owner of a vehicle to operate the vehicle on a highway in the State only for the purpose of transporting the vehicle to a jurisdiction outside the State in which the vehicle is to be titled and registered. An application for a temporary in-transit registration may be made only (1) by a nonresident owner of a vehicle and (2) on the form required by MVA.

State Expenditures: MVA advises that it expects to incur approximately \$42,750 in additional costs in fiscal 2023 to create the temporary in-transit registration product and to make system modifications necessary to support the new in-transit registration.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Designated Cross File: None.

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