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House Bill 1183 (Delegate Fisher)
Environment and Transportation

Vehicle Laws - Drivers' Schools and Driver Education Programs - Age of Instruction Vehicles

This bill increases the maximum allowable age of vehicles used for instruction in a driver's school from 7 to 10 years and requires the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) to adopt regulations to that effect.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: MVA can update the applicable regulations with existing resources. Transportation Trust Fund revenues and expenditures are not otherwise materially affected.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: Meaningful.

Analysis

Current Law: A person may not operate a drivers' school unless the person is licensed by MVA. Each licensee must maintain all vehicles used for instruction in the condition required by MVA. Although the maximum age of instruction vehicles is not specified in statute, MVA requires, through regulation, that training vehicles be seven model years old or less.

Small Business Effect: Any driving schools that qualify as small businesses may be able to purchase new vehicles less often, resulting in significant savings over time. However, such businesses may also need to repair older vehicles more often than they otherwise would under current law.

Additional Information

Recent Prior Introductions: Similar legislation has not been introduced within the last three years.

Designated Cross File: None.

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