Department of Planning and Budget 2012 Fiscal Impact Statement

Bill Number:	HB171		
House of Origin	Introduced	Substitute	Engrossed
Second House	In Committee	Substitute	Enrolled
	House of Origin		House of Origin Introduced Substitute

- **2. Patron:** Cosgrove
- **3.** Committee: Passed Both Houses.
- **4. Title:** Motor Vehicle Transaction Recovery Fund; bonding requirements.
- **5. Summary:** This bill would permit the Motor Vehicle Transaction Recovery Fund to drop below the presently mandated \$250,000 balance requirement, though not register a negative balance. The bill also allows recovery of attorney fees against a dealer's bond.
- 6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.
- 7. No Fiscal Impact. Final.
- 8. Fiscal Implications: This bill will allow consumers to collect attorney fees from the dealer's bond when the bond is in effect. Currently, consumers who receive payment from a bond must come to the Motor Vehicle Transaction Recovery Fund to be reimbursed for attorney fees. The bill will help to preserve the Fund since consumers would be able to recover attorney fees from the dealer's bond.
- 9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Motor Vehicle Dealer Board.
- 10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.
- **11. Other Comments:** This proposal is consistent with recommendations contained in the report of the Motor Vehicle Transaction Recovery Fund legislative study work group (2011).

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c: Secretary of Transportation