

**Department of Legislative Services**  
Maryland General Assembly

**FISCAL NOTE**

House Bill 610 (Calvert County Delegation)

Commerce and Government Matters

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**Maryland Vehicle Law - Definition of Highway - Calvert County**

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This bill alters the definition of highway to include a private roadway in Calvert County that is located within a residential subdivision or community and is used by the residents of the subdivision or community, whether or not the roadway is available for public use.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** Potential minimal increase in general fund and special fund revenue. Expenditures would not be affected.

**Local Effect:** Potential minimal increase in revenues.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**State Effect:** Under existing law, law enforcement agencies may only enforce provisions of the Maryland Vehicle Law pertaining to rules of the road on private roadways in Calvert County. The bill would allow the State Police to enforce the remaining provisions of the Maryland Vehicle Law on such roadways. Examples of additional provisions include: vehicle registration requirements; mandatory seat belt requirements; and insurance coverage requirements. Thus, the bill may result in an increased number of citations issued to drivers on private roadways in Calvert County, meaning that general fund revenues could increase.

Additionally, to the extent that vehicles are properly registered and insured and drivers are properly licensed as a result of the increased enforcement on these roadways, registration and license fees, administrative penalties, and titling tax collections could increase. Accordingly, Transportation Trust Fund revenues could increase by an indeterminate amount. Any such increase is assumed to be minimal.

Enforcement could be handled within existing resources.

**Local Effect:** Local jurisdictions receive a portion of the revenue collected from registration fees and the titling tax. Any increase in these revenues would increase the amount allocated to local jurisdictions, although, this increase is expected to be minimal.

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