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Senate Bill 410

(Senator Gladden)

Judicial Proceedings

Environment and Transportation

Baltimore City - Vehicle Laws - Traffic Safety

This bill adds Baltimore City to the current list of 11 counties that do not require State Highway Administration (SHA) approval before imposing a weight or speed restriction over a bridge or culvert within the local government's jurisdiction.

Fiscal Summary

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

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

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Current Law/Background: SHA or a local authority may regulate the weight and speed of any vehicle passing over any bridge or culvert under its jurisdiction by maintaining signs at each end of the bridge or culvert. Generally, a local authority may not impose any restriction without approval of SHA. However, the Maryland Vehicle Law exempts 11 counties from the need for SHA approval if they submit a statement that a structural analysis has shown the necessity for the particular restriction.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: HB 506 (Delegate Anderson) (By Request – Baltimore City Administration)
– Environment and Transportation.

Information Source(s): Baltimore City, Judiciary (Administrative Office of the Courts),
Department of State Police, Maryland Department of Transportation, Department of
Legislative Services

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