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House Bill 292 (Baltimore County Delegation)
Environment and Transportation

Judicial Proceedings

Baltimore County - Regulation of Parking on York Road

This bill prohibits Baltimore County from placing or maintaining a traffic control device (such as a sign) to regulate parking on a specified portion of York Road unless the county provides for a public hearing and notice to the general public and to each member of the General Assembly and Baltimore County Council who represents the area. The bill affects any traffic control device placed or maintained by the county on York Road on or after June 1, 2014, but not to a temporary traffic control device used to address an emergency situation.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2015.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Baltimore County workloads increase as a result of the additional notice and hearing requirements established by the bill, although expenditures are not anticipated to be materially affected. To the extent parking citations can no longer be issued on a portion of York Road, fine revenues may decrease.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Current Law: An authorized State agency and any political subdivision may adopt ordinances or regulations that (1) regulate the parking of vehicles; (2) provide for the impounding of vehicles parked in violation of the ordinances or regulations; (3) regulate the towing of vehicles from publicly owned and privately owned parking lots;

and (4) provide for the issuance of a citation by an officer for a violation of an ordinance or regulation. The Maryland Vehicle Law does not prevent a local authority, in the reasonable exercise of its police power, from exercising specified powers as to *local* highways under its jurisdiction, including regulating or prohibiting the stopping, standing, or parking of vehicles, or regulating traffic with traffic control devices.

Local governments and other bodies authorized to regulate traffic may also place or maintain traffic control devices on a State highway with the permission of the State Highway Administration. A traffic control device is a sign, signal, marking, or device that regulates, warns, or guides traffic.

Known for most of its length as “York Road,” Maryland Route 45 (a State highway) runs from the Maryland border with Pennsylvania in Baltimore County to its southern terminus in central Baltimore City (where it continues as a local road).

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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