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House Bill 951

(Delegate Lisanti, *et al.*)

Environment and Transportation

Finance

State Highway Administration - Alfred B. Hilton Memorial Bridge - Dedication

This bill requires the State Highway Administration (SHA) to dedicate the bridge located at the intersection of Maryland Route 22 and Interstate Highway 95 as the Alfred B. Hilton Memorial Bridge.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: SHA can handle the bill’s requirements with existing budgeted resources.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The Maryland Transportation Commission (MTC) must consider and recommend any request for the dedication of transportation facilities in memory or honor of individuals or groups of significance to the State. MTC may consider and recommend approval of those requests for dedications that are made for (1) a distinguished individual who is deceased or retired from public or community service and who is widely recognized and renowned for service that has been characterized by exceptional achievement (*e.g.*, Governor Ritchie); (2) groups or associations with special relevance for Maryland (*e.g.*, Maryland Veterans); or (3) aspects of life or areas which are unique to Maryland (*e.g.*, “Chesapeake”).

When considering a dedication request, MTC must consider whether the request meets highway safety requirements and whether the dedication is for (1) a distinguished individual who is recently deceased or retired from public or community service and who

is widely recognized and renowned for service that has been characterized by exceptional service or (2) an individual who sacrificed his or her well-being and life in service to our nation, State, and/or communities.

Upon receiving direction, either from the Secretary of Transportation or as the result of enacted legislation, SHA or the Maryland Transportation Authority is required to dedicate a facility.

Background: Sergeant Alfred B. Hilton was an African American and Harford County resident who fought in the U.S. Civil War. He was fatally wounded in the Battle of Chaffin's Farm and posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for his actions in the battle.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

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