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(Senator Salling, *et al.*)

Finance

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Highway Dedication - Senator Norman R. Stone, Jr. Highway

This bill requires the State Highway Administration (SHA) to dedicate the portion of Maryland Route 151 that is located between Cove Road and Bethlehem Boulevard in Baltimore County as the Senator Norman R. Stone, Jr. Highway.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill's requirements can be handled 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 achievement 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: Senator Norman R. Stone, Jr. served in the Maryland House of Delegates from 1963 to 1967 and served in the Maryland State Senate from 1967 to 2015. At the time of his retirement, Senator Stone was the longest serving member of the Senate. In the Senate, he served as President Pro Tem Emeritus from 2000 to 2015 and President Pro Tem from 1995 to 1999.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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