

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

Revised

House Bill 743 (St. Mary's County Delegation)

Commerce and Government Matters

Referred to Finance

St. Mary's County - Roads - Procedures

This amended bill prohibits the St. Mary's County Commissioners from opening, altering, or closing a public road without a public hearing, except for new subdivision streets. If a proposed subdivision plat requires closure or material alteration of public roads, the preliminary plat may not be approved until the county commissioners have first approved the closure or alteration. The notice and public hearing requirements do not apply to routine maintenance, improvements within the existing right-of-way that do not require the acquisition of any private property, or the resurfacing or grading of any public road.

A public street or road or any private road to be improved via a road improvement taxing district may not be constructed or finally authorized until approved by the Planning Commission.

The bill is effective July 1, 1997.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Minimal. St. Mary's County expenditures could increase depending upon the number of public hearings; however, the costs could be absorbed within the county's existing budgeted resources.

Small Business Effect: None. The bill would not directly affect small businesses.

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