

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 58 (Senator Stone)
Judicial Proceedings

Vehicle Laws - Local Authorities - Establishment of Speed Limits in Alleys

This bill authorizes a “local authority” to establish a maximum speed limit for alleys in its jurisdiction if the authority determines that the current speed limit is unreasonable or unsafe. The authority must post the speed limit in the alley.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Potential minimal general fund revenue increase from the penalty provision applicable to this offense under the Maryland Vehicle Law (maximum \$500 fine). Enforcement could be handled with existing resources.

Local Effect: To the extent that local governments establish speed limits in alleys, local expenditures could increase due to the costs associated with purchasing speed limit signs. However, these costs would be absorbed within the local governments’ existing budgets.

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

Information Source(s): Baltimore City; Calvert, Caroline, Howard, and Prince George’s counties; Department of Fiscal Services

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