

Department of Legislative Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 677 (Calvert County Delegation)

Commerce and Government Matters

Calvert County - Road Signage Pilot Program - Establishment

This bill authorizes Calvert County to establish a Road Signage Pilot Program to be operated by the Calvert County Economic Development Sign Committee in consultation with the Department of Business and Economic Development and the State Highway Administration. The bill authorizes the committee to place information or business signs along State highways regarding the availability of gas, food, lodging, shopping, and camping in nearby areas. The committee is required to adopt rules and regulations governing signs along State highways which conform to federal standards. The bill also requires the committee to prepare a report for the Governor and General Assembly on the results of the pilot program by January 2000. In addition, the bill provides a penalty of \$100 for any person convicted of removing, damaging, or defacing any sign, signal, or marker placed as a result of the bill.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Potential minimal general fund revenue increase as a result of the bill's monetary provision. The State Highway Administration and the Department of Business and Economic Development could handle any duties with existing resources.

Local Effect: None. The cost for procuring, installing, and maintaining a sign along a State highway in Calvert County will be borne by the business or attraction identified in the sign. Members of the Calvert County Economic Development Sign Committee would serve without compensation.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

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