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FISCAL NOTE Revised

House Bill 115 (Calvert County Delegation)

Commerce and Government Matters

Maryland Vehicle Law - Calvert County - Enforcement on Private Roadways

This bill allows a police officer to enforce all the provisions of the Maryland Vehicle Law on private roadways in Calvert County that are located within residential communities and used for vehicular traffic by residents of the communities.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Potential minimal increase in general fund and special fund revenues. Expenditures would not be affected.

Local Effect: Potential minimal increase in revenues.

Small Business Effect: None.

Fiscal Analysis

State Effect: Under existing law, law enforcement agencies may only enforce provisions of the Maryland Vehicle Law pertaining to rules of the road on private roadways in Calvert County. The bill would allow the State Police to enforce the remaining provisions of the Maryland Vehicle Law on such roadways. Examples of additional provisions include: vehicle registration requirements, mandatory seat belt requirements, and insurance coverage requirements. Thus, the bill may result in an increased number of citations issued to drivers on private roadways in Calvert County, meaning that general fund revenues could increase.

Additionally, to the extent that vehicles are properly registered and insured and drivers are properly licensed as a result of the increased enforcement on these roadways, registration and license fees, administrative penalties, and titling tax collections could increase. Accordingly,

Transportation Trust Fund revenues could increase by an indeterminate amount. Any such increase is assumed to be minimal.

Enforcement could be handled within existing resources.

Local Effect: Local jurisdictions receive a portion of the revenue collected from registration fees and the titling tax. Any increase in these revenues would increase the amount allocated to local jurisdictions, although, this increase is expected to be minimal. Enforcement could be handled within existing resources.

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