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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 478 (Delegate Arnick)

Commerce and Government Matters

Pedestrian Rights and Rules - Lane Dividers - Prohibitions

The bill prohibits a person from standing on a “lane divider” unless: (1) the person is performing maintenance or construction work authorized by the State or a local government; (2) the person is directly involved in an emergency situation; or (3) the person is pausing on a lane divider for the first opportunity to cross the roadway safely. This bill defines a “lane divider” to mean any intervening space, barrier, or clearly indicated dividing section constructed to impede vehicular traffic between 2 roadways.

Fiscal Summary

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

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Information Source(s): Maryland Department of Transportation (Motor Vehicle Administration), Department of State Police, Department of Legislative Services

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