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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 50 (Delegate Patterson)

Commerce and Government Matters

Towing Charges - Payment Options - Credit or Debit Cards

This bill requires providers of tow trucks for hire to accept a choice of at least two types of major credit cards or a debit card for payment of towing charges. Tow truck operators violating this provision are subject to a fine not exceeding \$3,000.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Minimal general fund revenue increase from the penalty provision applicable to this offense. Enforcement could be handled with existing resources.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Current Law: There are no provisions governing the type of payment that tow truck providers must accept.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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