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Senate Bill 402 (Senator Dorman)

Economic and Environmental Affairs

Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission - Illegally Parking in Space for Individuals with Disabilities - Penalty

This bill sets the fine that the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) can impose for illegally parking in a space designated for a disabled individual equal to the fine imposed by the State for the same infraction.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Potential minimal increase in revenues from the increased fines and in expenditures for increased court costs. The net effect would be negligible.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The M-NCPPC can make rules and regulations for the governing of property under its jurisdiction. Fines set for commission infractions may not exceed \$50, or \$100 for a repeat offender. Individuals charged with a violation may choose to stand trial in District Court rather than pay the fine. The M-NCPPC keeps as revenue the fines it collects for M-NCPPC infractions, including the fines collected in District Court.

Local Fiscal Effect: Maryland charges \$48 for illegally parking in a space designated for individuals with disabilities; the M-NCPPC charges \$30. In 1999, the M-NCPPC park police distributed 63 tickets to automobiles illegally parked in handicapped spaces in Montgomery County. Assuming about the same number of vehicles were cited in Prince George's County

and that the number of tickets does not change drastically year to year, the M-NCPPC could realize an annual revenue increase of about \$2,250 due to the increase in ticket prices. However, the M-NCPPC advises that the fine increase may result in more individuals going to court to contest citations, thereby increasing commission court costs. The net effect, according to the M-NCPPC, would be negligible.

Additional Information

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Cross File: None.

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