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**FISCAL NOTE**

Senate Bill 536 (Senator McFadden) (Baltimore City Administration)  
Economic and Environmental Affairs

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**Baltimore City - Parking Authority**

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This bill authorizes the creation of a parking authority in Baltimore City.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** The fiscal effect of establishing a parking authority in Baltimore City would depend on the guidelines that the city sets for the authority. For comparison purposes, the Parking Authority of Prince George's County is self-sufficient, collecting fees and issuing bonds to fund parking development in the county. Baltimore City collected \$2.8 million in general fund revenues from parking fees in FY 1999.

**Small Business Effect:** Potential minimal.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** Only Montgomery and Prince George's counties are authorized to create parking authorities and only Prince George's County has one. A parking authority consists of five members whose qualifications, means of appointment, residency requirements, and terms of office are set by local laws. An authority, though mainly governed by local laws, has as its main purpose the construction, maintenance, operation, and regulation of parking facilities in the jurisdiction. A parking authority may collect fees at authority parking facilities or issue tax exempt bonds in order to raise money for the purchase of property and the construction of facilities or improvements. Any net earnings an authority realizes must be utilized for the benefit of the jurisdiction. If an authority is terminated, all of its obligations and assets are transferred to the local jurisdiction.

**Local Fiscal Effect:** If Baltimore City creates a parking authority to oversee the city's parking situation, the fiscal effect will depend on the organization and financing structure set

up by the Mayor and the City Council. Presumably, a parking authority fund, receiving revenues from parking fees, would be set up to finance the development, construction, improvement, and coordination of parking facilities. The parking authority would monitor the fund and coordinate the city's parking needs.

**Small Business Effect:** A centralized parking authority, if established by Baltimore City, would presumably work with the business community to coordinate goals and strategies that would benefit the city and its businesses.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** HB 721 (Delegate Marriott) - Commerce and Government Matters.

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