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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 670 (Delegate Schisler)
Commerce and Government Matters

**Motor Homes and Travel Trailers - Bottled Propane Gas Regulations -
Modification of Tunnel Restrictions**

This bill prohibits regulations adopted for intrastate motor carrier transportation from barring a motor home or travel trailer carrying bottled propane gas from traveling through the Fort McHenry or Baltimore Harbor tunnels unless the total weight of the container exceeds 70 pounds.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. Enforcement of the bill could be handled with existing resources.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The law provides some restrictions on the application of intrastate motor carrier regulations. For example, the regulations may not apply medical certification requirements under the Federal Motor Carrier Safety regulations to certain drivers. There is no restriction on the authority to regulate transportation of bottled propane gas by motor homes and travel trailers.

Additional Comments: The Maryland Transportation Authority advises that vehicles that currently cannot travel through the Baltimore Harbor nor Fort McHenry tunnels can use the Key Bridge. Therefore, the bill at most would result in a minimal shift in traffic volume.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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