Department of Legislative Services

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FISCAL NOTE Revised

House Bill 51 (Delegate Conroy, et al.)

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Flags - Rest Areas, Welcome Centers, and Exhibit Centers

This bill requires that the United States flag, the State flag, and the POW/MIA flag be flown year-round at each rest area, welcome center, and exhibit center within interstate and State highway-rights-of-way.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Transportation Trust Fund expenditures associated with the bill could be handled with the existing budgeted resources of the Maryland Department of Transportation.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: None applicable.

State Fiscal Effect: The Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) advises that there are 12 facilities under the jurisdiction of the State Highway Administration (SHA) and two under the jurisdiction of the Maryland Transportation Authority (MdTA) that would be affected by the bill.

Each facility has two flag poles, and each flies the United States flag and Maryland flag. As a result, each facility would need the POW/MIA flag. The cost of each flag is estimated at \$90.

It is assumed that the flags would have to be replaced periodically. MDOT advises that any expenditures resulting from the bill could be handled with existing budgeted resources.

It is assumed that the POW/MIA flag would be flown below the United States flag. The State flag would fly alone.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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