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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 859 (Delegates Zirkin and Morhaim)
Commerce and Government Matters

Vehicle Laws - Parking Citations - Late Payment

This bill prohibits any State agency and any political subdivision authorized to regulate parking from assessing monthly late fees or interest on late payments of parking citations that is greater than 10% of the monthly amount of the fine stated on the citation.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The State agencies that are authorized to issue parking citations do not charge a late fee.

Local Effect: Potential minimal loss of revenue if any local jurisdiction charges monthly interest or late fees that are more than 10% of the citation.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: There are no State restrictions on the amount a local or State agency can charge for late fees on parking citations. However, local authorities may enact limits on late fees or interest charges for citations in their jurisdiction.

Local Revenues: The only jurisdiction that provided information (Garrett County) indicated that the bill has no impact. However, other jurisdictions that impose a monthly late fee or interest charge on parking citations that is greater than 10% of the citation fine could experience a revenue loss.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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