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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 1435 (Delegates Murphy and Oaks)
Commerce and Government Matters

Vehicle Laws - Materials on Windows - Exemptions

This emergency bill alters the exemption from the prohibition against placing signs, posters, cards, stickers, and other nontransparent materials on vehicle windows by allowing materials that are placed so as not to substantially interfere with the driver's clear view of traffic.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill would not materially affect State finances. The District Court reports there were 65 citations (\$50 fine) issued in 2001.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Exempt from the prohibition against materials on windows are materials placed on the windshield or rear window, within a seven-inch square area in the lower corner, or on the side windows of a vehicle to the rear of the driver if the materials are placed so as not to interfere with the driver's clear view of traffic.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: HB 1109 of 2000, a similar bill, received an unfavorable report in the Commerce and Government Matters Committee.

Cross File: None.

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