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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

Senate Bill 650

(Senator Astle, *et al.*)

Judicial Proceedings

Environmental Matters

Vehicle Laws - Local Regulation of Parking - Motorcycles

This bill clarifies that a political subdivision may not adopt or enforce an ordinance or regulation that prohibits parking more than one motorcycle within a space served by a single parking meter.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill does not materially affect State activities or finances.

Local Effect: Minimal.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Any authorized State agency and any political subdivision of the State may adopt ordinances and regulations that regulate: (1) vehicle parking; (2) impoundment of vehicles parked in violation of the ordinances or regulations; (3) towing vehicles from privately and publicly owned lots; and (4) issuing citations for violations of a parking ordinance or regulation.

Chapter 95 of 1996 prohibits local governments from adopting or enforcing a regulation or ordinance that prohibits parking two motorcycles in a single-metered space.

Local Revenues: Montgomery, Caroline, Calvert, Howard, Frederick, and Charles counties advise that the bill will have little or no fiscal impact. Calvert County advises that it derives little or no revenue from parking meters.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: HB 923 (Delegate Owings) – Environmental Matters.

Information Source(s): Montgomery County, Caroline County, Calvert County, Howard County, Department of Legislative Services

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