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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 951 (Delegate Kelly, *et al.*)
Environmental Matters

Vehicle Laws - Pedestrian Right-of-Way - Crosswalks

This bill requires the driver of a vehicle to come to a stop when a pedestrian crossing a roadway is in a crosswalk.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill would not materially affect governmental operations or finances.

Local Effect: None. Enforcement could be handled with existing resources.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: A driver of a vehicle must come to a stop when a pedestrian crossing a roadway in a crosswalk is on the half of the roadway on which the vehicle is traveling or is approaching so closely from the other half of the roadway as to be a danger to the pedestrian.

A driver who violates this provision is guilty of a misdemeanor, and is subject to a fine not to exceed \$500, imprisonment for not more than two months, or both. The Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) is required to assess one point against the driver's license. If any of these violations contribute to an accident, the MVA is required to assess three points against the driver's license.

Local Fiscal Effect: Enforcement of the prohibition against a vehicle moving in a crosswalk while a pedestrian in is any part of a crosswalk could be handled with existing resources by local law enforcement agencies.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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