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Senate Bill 654 (Senator Klausmeier)
Judicial Proceedings

Baltimore County - Highway Intersections - Stop Signs

This bill requires the State Highway Administration (SHA), for all county highways in Baltimore County, to designate all “T” intersections as stop intersections. SHA must place a stop sign at each “T” intersection to require a person driving on the highway that intersects but does not cross the other highway to stop. Baltimore County must do the same for any other highways under its jurisdiction.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Transportation Trust Fund (TTF) expenditures would increase by \$12,600 in FY 2004 and \$8,400 each year thereafter. Revenues would not be affected.

(in dollars)	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
SF Expenditure	12,600	8,400	8,400	8,400	8,400
Net Effect	(\$12,600)	(\$8,400)	(\$8,400)	(\$8,400)	(\$8,400)

Note:() = decrease; GF = general funds; FF = federal funds; SF = special funds; - = indeterminate effect

Local Effect: Potential minimal increase in expenditures to erect additional signs. **This bill imposes a mandate on a unit of local government.**

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: SHA must place and maintain traffic control devices that it considers necessary to carry out the Maryland Vehicle Law or to regulate, warn, or guide traffic.

For State and county highways, SHA may designate through highways and place stop or yield signs at specified entrances to them or designate any intersection as a stop intersection or as a yield intersection and place the appropriate sign at one or more entrances to the intersection. Any local authority may do the same for any highways under its jurisdiction.

State Expenditures: SHA advises that most “T” intersections involving a State highway and a county road are already controlled by a stop sign. Approximately 12 signs will need to be added at a cost of \$350 per sign. Additionally, SHA expects 20 to 30 new signs will be needed for intersections created by new developments. Accordingly, TTF expenditures will be approximately \$12,600 in fiscal 2004 to install signs at existing and new intersections and \$8,400 annually thereafter.

Local Expenditures: *Baltimore County did not respond to a request for information.* However, it is assumed that the county would incur expenditures to install stop signs on county roads.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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