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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

Senate Bill 36

(Senator Della)

Judicial Proceedings

Environmental Matters

Vehicle Laws - Standing or Parking Near Crosswalks - Baltimore City

This bill authorizes Baltimore City to regulate the distance from a crosswalk at an intersection within which a person may not stand or park a vehicle, and amends the city charter to grant that authority. The bill further authorizes the city to post signs at appropriate visible locations at any crosswalk where the rule for standing or parking a vehicle varies from the general statewide rule of 20 feet. A person may not stand or park a vehicle within an area prohibited by those signs.

Fiscal Summary

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

Local Effect: Baltimore City expenditures could increase minimally if it chooses to place signs pursuant to the bill.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: A person may not (1) stop, stand, or park a vehicle on a crosswalk; (2) stand or park a vehicle within 20 feet of a crosswalk at an intersection; or (3) stand or park a vehicle at any place where standing is prohibited by an official sign.

A violation of the offense specified by the bill would be considered a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, carry a maximum fine of \$500. The District Court fine for standing or parking within 20 feet of a crosswalk is \$40.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: An identical bill was introduced as SB 277 in the 2002 session; the Judicial Proceedings Committee gave it an unfavorable report.

Cross File: None.

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