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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 609 (Delegate Minnick, *et al.*)
Environmental Matters

Special Registration Plates - Prisoners of War - Parking Meter Fees

This bill provides that a former prisoner of war is not required to pay parking meter fees of the State or any political subdivision, if special registration plates have been issued to the person that indicate the person is a former prisoner of war.

Fiscal Summary

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

Local Effect: Potential minimal. **This bill imposes a mandate on local government.**

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) is authorized to issue special registration plates for passenger vehicles, trucks, multipurpose vehicles, or motorcycles to a person who is either the recipient of an individually earned, combat-related, armed forces medal or to someone who is an honorably discharged veteran of the U.S. armed forces. State law does not authorize exemption from parking fees, which are imposed by local governments.

Local Revenues: Any fiscal impact would depend on the number of drivers with prisoner of war special registration plates and the desire of those drivers to park at metered locations. The MVA advises that it has issued 281 prisoner of war registration plates. Any fiscal impact is expected to be minimal.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

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