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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 743 (Delegate C. Davis)
Environmental Matters

Department of the Environment - Rubble Landfills - Location

This emergency bill prohibits the Secretary of the Environment from issuing a permit to construct or operate a rubble landfill within two miles of Bowie State University or St. John AME Church.

Fiscal Summary

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

Local Effect: Anne Arundel and Prince George's counties report that the bill would not significantly affect local operations or finances.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Current Law: A solid waste acceptance facility means any sanitary landfill, incinerator, transfer station, or plant whose primary purpose is to dispose of, treat, or process solid waste. Siting and other land use or zoning criteria for proposed solid waste acceptance facilities are the responsibility of local jurisdictions. Solid waste acceptance facilities are permitted by the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE). Applicants obtain local approvals prior to applying to MDE for a permit. MDE may not issue any permit to construct or operate a transfer station in Prince George's County for disposal of solid waste within two miles of Bowie State University.

Background: Bowie State University is located in Prince George's County. St. John AME Church is located in Anne Arundel County. According to MDE, two proposed landfills in the vicinity of the church could be affected by the bill.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: Identical legislation was introduced as HB 1121 of 2003. The House Environmental Matters Committee held a hearing on the bill, but no further action was taken.

Cross File: None.

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