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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

Senate Bill 803 (Senator Della)
Judicial Proceedings

Vehicle Laws - Standing or Parking Near Crosswalks - Baltimore City

This bill exempts Baltimore City from State law that prohibits a person from standing or parking a vehicle within 20 feet of a crosswalk at an intersection. It 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.

Fiscal Summary

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

Local Effect: Baltimore City could exercise this authority with existing resources.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Under State 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 prepay penalty for standing or parking within 20 feet of a crosswalk is \$45.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: SB 36 (2003) and SB 277 (2002) would have authorized Baltimore City to regulate parking in a crosswalk at an intersection, but did not exempt the city from State law. The Senate passed SB 36 and the Environmental Matters Committee gave it an unfavorable report. SB 277 received an unfavorable report in the Judicial Proceedings Committee.

Cross File: None.

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