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House Bill 754

(Anne Arundel County Delegation)

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**Anne Arundel County - Commercial Motor Vehicles - Stopping, Standing, or
Parking**

This bill alters penalties in Anne Arundel County for commercial drivers who stop, stand, or park a commercial motor vehicle at any place where stopping is prohibited by an official sign to a fine of \$100 for a first offense, \$250 for a second offense, and \$500 for a third offense.

The bill is effective June 1, 2004.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Minimal general fund revenue increase from the penalty provisions applicable to this offense under the bill. Any increase in caseload for the District Court could be handled with existing resources.

Local Effect: Enforcement could be handled with existing resources.

Small Business Effect: Potential minimal.

Analysis

Current Law: A person may not stop, stand, or park a vehicle at any place where stopping is prohibited by an official sign. A violation is a misdemeanor, subject to a maximum fine of \$500. The District Court currently assesses a \$45 penalty for a conviction of this offense. No points are assessed against the driver's license for this offense.

State Expenditures: The new fines established by the bill could lead to a slight increase in caseload for judges and clerks in Anne Arundel County. However, the bill's requirements could be managed with existing resources.

Local Fiscal Effect: *Anne Arundel County did not respond to repeated requests for information on this bill.* However, because the bill's provisions are not expected to cause a significant influx of new citations, it is anticipated that enforcement could occur with existing resources.

Small Business Effect: According to county business pattern data maintained by the U.S. Census for 2001, there are 121,772 establishments that qualify as small businesses in the State. Any of these businesses that use commercial vehicles to do business in Anne Arundel County could be affected by the proposed penalties, if the commercial vehicle operators violate the bill's provisions.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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