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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**  
**Revised**

Senate Bill 139

(Senator Della)

Judicial Proceedings

Environmental Matters

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**Vehicle Laws - Standing or Parking Near Crosswalks - Baltimore City**

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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.

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**Fiscal Summary**

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

**Local Effect:** None. Baltimore City could exercise this authority with existing resources.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law/Background:** 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 any of these prohibitions is a misdemeanor subject to a maximum fine of \$500. The District Court prepayable fine for these violations is \$45.

A violation of the proposed offense specified by the bill would be considered a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, carry a maximum fine of \$500.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** An identical bill was introduced as SB 803 in the 2004 session and was heard by the Senate Judicial Proceedings committee, but no further action was taken. A similar bill, SB 300, was also introduced in the 2004 session, but was withdrawn without a hearing. Similar bills were introduced as SB 36 in the 2003 session and SB 277 in 2002. 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. SB 36 and SB 277 would have authorized Baltimore City to post signs but did not require it to do so.

**Cross File:** None.

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