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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 205 (Delegate Smigiel, *et al.*)
Environmental Matters

Transportation - Pedestrian Right-of-Way - Parking Lots

This bill requires the driver of a vehicle to yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian in a parking lot.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Minimal general fund revenue increase from the penalty provision applicable to this offense under the Maryland Vehicle Law (maximum \$500 fine). The increase in the District Court caseload is expected to be minimal and could be handled with existing resources.

Local Effect: Enforcement could be handled with existing resources.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Generally, the driver of a vehicle must exercise due care to avoid colliding with any pedestrian. If necessary, the driver must warn a pedestrian by sounding the vehicle horn. A driver is also required to exercise proper precaution when observing any child or an obviously confused or incapacitated individual.

A violation of this provision is a misdemeanor, subject to a maximum \$500 fine. The District Court prepayment penalty is \$70 with one point assessed against the driver's

license or, if the violation contributes to an accident, \$110 with three points assessed against the license.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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