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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 1514

(Delegate Hucker)

Environmental Matters

Finance

State Department of Transportation - Board of Review - Repeal

This bill abolishes the Board of Review of the Maryland Department of Transportation.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Minimal decrease in Transportation Trust Fund expenditures related to compensation and reimbursements for board members.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The board consists of seven members appointed to three-year terms by the Governor with the advice of the Secretary of Transportation and with the advice and consent of the Senate. The board • is authorized to make recommendations to the Secretary of Transportation on the operation and administration of MDOT; • hears and determines any appeal from the Secretary or any MDOT unit under specified conditions; and • is required to report annually to the Secretary including a summary of categories of appeals and determinations made.

Background: MDOT advises that the board has rarely invoked its authority since inception. The board has heard one appeal since June 1989 and although it has been asked to review other decisions it was determined that the board lacked jurisdiction in

those cases. In recent years, the board has been meeting once per year. Board members are entitled to compensation provided in the State budget and reimbursement for expenses. Actual expenditures for the board totaled \$500 in fiscal 2007 and the fiscal 2009 allowance includes \$1,000 for the board's compensation expenses.

In addition to the Board of Review, the Maryland Transportation Commission, another advisory board within MDOT, is required to study Maryland's transportation system and is authorized to make transportation policy recommendations to the Secretary of Transportation.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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