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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

Senate Bill 627 (Senator Muse)
Budget and Taxation

**Task Force to Study the Feasibility of Establishing a Motor Vehicle
Administration Office in Legislative District 26**

This bill establishes a Task Force to Study the Feasibility of Establishing a Motor Vehicle Administration Office in Legislative District 26, staffed by the Motor Vehicle Administration. The task force is required to assess the operating and capital costs of, and the need for, an MVA office in that district. A member of the task force is entitled to reimbursement for expenses. The task force must report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by January 1, 2009.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2008, and terminates June 30, 2009.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Any expense reimbursements for task force members and staffing costs for MVA are assumed to be minimal and absorbable within existing budgeted resources.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Legislative District 26 consists of part of Prince George's County, and includes the following election districts and precincts:

- Election District 5, precincts 2, 3, 5-7;
- Election District 6, precincts 2, 8, 13, 17;
- Election District 9, precincts 2, 5; and
- Election District 12.

Background: According to the *FY 2007-2012 Consolidated Transportation Plan*, MVA spent approximately \$6.0 million to construct a new full-service office on the White Oak Vehicle Emissions Inspection Station site located in Montgomery County. The new office is intended to improve customer service in the county and relieve overcrowded conditions at the Gaithersburg and Beltsville offices. According to the *FY 2008-2013 Consolidated Transportation Plan* there are no additional new offices planned.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: A substantially similar bill, SB 656 of 2007, did not receive a hearing.

Cross File: None.

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