

**Department of Legislative Services**  
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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**

House Bill 657 (Delegates Carr and Bronrott)  
Environmental Matters

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**Traffic Safety Is No Accident Act of 2010**

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This bill removes all references to the word “accident” from the Annotated Code of Maryland and substitutes the word “crash” instead.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** The bill is not anticipated to materially affect State operations or finances assuming the changes required under the bill are made within the current schedule and under the existing procedures for revising and updating the code. To the extent the bill requires the code revision to be expedited, expenditures and operations increase minimally for the Department of Legislative Services.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Bill Summary:** The bill requires the publishers of the code, in consultation with and subject to the approval of the Department of Legislative Services, to replace any use of the term “accident” in reference to a vehicle- or traffic-related incident with the term “crash,” and requires that any such correction be accompanied by an editor’s note following the section affected.

**Current Law/Background:** Major governmental and private-sector institutions like the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the Insurance Institute for Highway

Safety use both terms within publications and reports, including federal regulations. However, the term “crash” appears to be used with greater frequency.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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