Department of Legislative Services

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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE Revised

House Bill 1282 (Delegate Glenn, *et al.*)

Environmental Matters

Finance

Transportation - Vehicle Parking Facilities - Motorcycle Parking

This bill requires a vehicle parking facility to allow a motorcycle to park in the facility on payment of any applicable charges if the facility is owned, operated, leased, or receives funding from the State or a political subdivision. The bill defines "funding" as any form of assurance, guarantee, grant payment, credit, tax credit, or other assistance.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2011.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill is not anticipated to materially affect State operations or finances.

Local Effect: The bill is not anticipated to materially affect local operations or finances.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Current Law/Background: A "vehicle parking facility" is defined as a controlled entrance and exit building, structure, surface lot, and other facility for parking vehicles, for which fees or charges are established for the use of the facility.

Each county and Baltimore City is authorized to establish a parking authority on the passage of a local law and the filing of a charter. A parking authority has the powers granted to it by local law and that are not inconsistent with specified provisions of State law, which includes acquiring land and property and constructing, expanding, and improving buildings, structures, and other facilities. Parking authorities may issue revenue bonds to assist in construction of vehicle parking facilities and related projects.

State/Local Fiscal Effect: Legislative Services is not aware of any State agencies or local governments that expressly prohibit the parking of motorcycles at vehicle parking facilities. To the extent that any vehicle parking facilities must alter current practices as a result of the bill, workloads may increase negligibly; expenditures are likely unaffected as the bill does not require any changes in the size or design of vehicle parking facilities or parking spaces.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

Information Source(s): Baltimore, Charles, Frederick, and Montgomery counties; Judiciary (Administrative Office of the Courts); Maryland Department of Transportation; University System of Maryland; Department of Legislative Services

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