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House Bill 1356 (Delegate Tarlau, *et al.*)  
 Environment and Transportation

Highways – Maryland Route 208 – Jurisdiction

This bill requires the State Highway Administration (SHA), on request of the Town of Brentwood, to assume ownership of Maryland Route 208 from Rhode Island Avenue to the border of the Town of Brentwood and the City of Hyattsville, Prince George’s County.

Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** Assuming ownership of the road is transferred to SHA, Transportation Trust Fund (TTF) expenditures increase by *at least* \$250,000 in FY 2019 to ensure that the road meets SHA’s standards; costs may be significantly higher. TTF expenditures increase in future years for road maintenance. Revenues are not affected.

(in dollars)	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
SF Expenditure	250,000	-	-	-	-
Net Effect	(\$250,000)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)

*Note: ( ) = decrease; GF = general funds; FF = federal funds; SF = special funds; - = indeterminate increase; (-) = indeterminate decrease*

**Local Effect:** Assuming ownership of the road is transferred to SHA, road maintenance expenditures for the Town of Brentwood decrease. Revenues are not affected.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

Analysis

**Current Law/Background:** SHA is responsible for more than 5,200 miles or approximately 16,800 lane miles of road, 2,500 bridges, 3,500 small stream crossing structures, and 80 miles of sound barriers in the State. It also has responsibility for

planning, designing, constructing, and maintaining these roads and bridges to safety and performance standards while considering sociological, ecological, and economic concerns.

The Town of Brentwood advises that the portion of Maryland Route 208 affected by the bill is in a state of disrepair and that the town does not have the resources necessary to properly repair and maintain the road. Therefore, the town advises that, under the bill, it plans to request that SHA assume ownership of the road.

**State Expenditures:** Assuming ownership of the road is transferred to SHA, TTF expenditures increase by *at least* \$250,000 in fiscal 2019, which only reflects costs for SHA to line stripe the road and ensure that it meets Americans with Disabilities Act requirements. Costs could be significantly higher depending on how much work is needed to repair the road; however, any repair costs cannot be reliably estimated until SHA inspects the road. (A prior estimate from the Town of Brentwood suggests that repair costs could be more than \$500,000.) TTF expenditures also increase in future years for ongoing maintenance.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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