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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE
Third Reader - Revised

House Bill 1117

(Delegate Arentz)

Environment and Transportation

Judicial Proceedings

Pedestrians - Kent Island Drawbridge - Fishing Prohibition

This bill prohibits a pedestrian from catching or attempting to catch fish by any means on or under the Maryland Route 18 Kent Island Drawbridge over the Kent Narrows in Queen Anne's County. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2021.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Potential minimal increase in general fund revenues from the penalty provision applicable to a violation of the bill's prohibition under the Maryland Vehicle Law. Enforcement can be handled with existing resources.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: State law prohibits certain actions by pedestrians in roadways or highways (and in some cases also median dividers and intersections), primarily relating to soliciting a ride, employment, business, or, in specified counties, money or donations, from the occupant of a vehicle. These prohibitions (and the bill's prohibition) are within the Maryland Vehicle Law. A person who violates a provision of the Maryland Vehicle Law is, with specified exceptions, guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to a fine of up to \$500.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Designated Cross File: None.

Information Source(s): Judiciary (Administrative Office of the Courts); Department of Natural Resources; Department of State Police; Maryland Department of Transportation; Queen Anne's County; Department of Legislative Services

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