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.

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