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House Bill 1194 (Delegates Wivell and Valentine)

Environment and Transportation

Judicial Proceedings

Town of Sharpsburg - Parking of Vehicles - Restrictions

This bill prohibits a person from parking certain vehicles in the Town of Sharpsburg, Washington County. However, the bill's restrictions do not apply if the parking of the vehicle is essential to its immediate use. Additionally, the bill does not apply to specified Class A (passenger) or Class E (truck) vehicles. Finally, the bill establishes more stringent enforcement provisions for certain types of vehicles and for vehicles parked for multiple days.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill does not materially affect State finances or operations.

Local Effect: The bill does not materially affect local government finances or operations. Enforcement can be handled with existing resources.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Bill Summary: The bill prohibits the parking of certain vehicles on any street or highway in the Town of Sharpsburg. Specifically, the prohibition applies to any vehicle registered (or capable of being registered) as a:

- Class E (truck), excluding those with a manufacturer's rated capacity of three-fourths of a ton or less and a maximum gross vehicle weight of 7,000 pounds or less;
- Class F (tractor);

- Class G (trailer);
- Class H (school bus); and
- Class P (passenger bus).

For the purpose of determining the penalty under the bill, each day of a violation is considered a separate offense. Additionally, in the case of a combination tractor and trailer, a person who violates the bill is subject to a separate fine for each vehicle.

Current Law: The Maryland Vehicle Law governs the stopping, standing, and parking of vehicles, with various restrictions applicable under certain circumstances or within certain jurisdictions. A local authority, in the reasonable exercise of its police power, may also regulate or prohibit the stopping, standing, or parking of vehicles on highways within its jurisdiction. Generally, a violation of the Maryland Vehicle Law is a misdemeanor that carries a fine of up to \$500. The amount of the prepaid fine for a violation of most provisions regulating stopping, standing, or parking is generally \$50, \$60, or \$70, depending on the specific violation.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: Similar legislation has not been introduced within the last three years.

Designated Cross File: None.

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