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House Bill 178 (Delegate Guyton)
Environment and Transportation

Vehicle Laws - Stopping, Standing, or Parking in a Bike Lane or Bicycle Path - Prohibition

This bill prohibits a person from stopping, standing, or parking a vehicle in a bike lane or bicycle path. A violation is a misdemeanor and is subject to a maximum fine of \$500.

Fiscal Summary

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

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

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Except as necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with law or the directions of a police officer or traffic control device, Maryland law prohibits stopping, standing, or parking a vehicle in/on specified places, including but not limited to (1) an intersection; (2) a crosswalk; (3) a sidewalk; (4) a bridge; (5) a highway tunnel; or (6) a place where stopping is prohibited by an official sign. A violation of any of these prohibitions is a misdemeanor subject to a maximum fine of \$500. The District Court has established a prepayment penalty of \$60 or \$70 for these violations.

“Bike lane” means any portion of a roadway or shoulder designated for single directional bicycle flow. “Bicycle path” is defined as any travelway designed and designated by signing or signing and marking for bicycle use, located within its own right-of-way or in a

shared right-of-way, and physically separated from motor vehicle traffic by berm, shoulder, curb, or other similar device.

Additional Information

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

Designated Cross File: SB 133 (Senator Muse) - Judicial Proceedings.

Information Source(s): Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Charles, Dorchester, and Howard counties; Maryland Association of Counties; City of Annapolis; Maryland Municipal League; Judiciary (Administrative Office of the Courts); Department of State Police; Department of Legislative Services

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