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House Bill 89 (St. Mary's County Delegation)
Environment and Transportation

Judicial Proceedings

St. Mary's County - Emergency Snow Routes - Authority

This bill expressly authorizes the St. Mary's County Commissioners to (1) designate a county road to be an emergency snow route; (2) regulate travel on an emergency snow route; (3) provide for a method of declaring a snow emergency; (4) prohibit the parking or abandoning of a vehicle on an emergency snow route during a snow emergency; and (5) authorize the removal of a vehicle parked or abandoned on an emergency snow route during a snow emergency.

Fiscal Summary

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

Local Effect: St. Mary's County finances are not materially affected. To the extent county chooses to use the authority provided by the bill, the county likely benefits from greater flexibility in handling snow emergencies.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Current Law: The Garrett County Commissioners are expressly authorized to (1) designate a county road to be an emergency snow route; (2) regulate travel on an emergency snow route; (3) provide for a method for declaring a snow emergency; (4) prohibit the parking or abandoning of a vehicle on an emergency snow route during a snow emergency; and (5) authorize the removal of a vehicle parked or abandoned on an emergency snow route during a snow emergency.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Designated Cross File: None.

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