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House Bill 9 (Delegate Folden)

Environment and Transportation

Finance

Transportation - Dedication of Structures

This bill alters the transportation structure dedication process established under the Hero's Highway Act of 2015 so that a deceased member of the U.S. Armed Forces is only eligible to be considered for dedication if his or her home of record was in the State.

Fiscal Summary

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

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law/Background: Chapters 52 and 53 of 2015 (the Hero's Highway Act of 2015) requires the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) to establish a process that allows a member of the General Assembly, another elected official, or any member of the general public to request that MDOT dedicate a bridge or other appropriate structure to (1) a deceased member of the U.S. Armed Forces whose surviving spouse, parent, or next of kin is a recipient of the U.S. Department of Defense Gold Star memorializing that the member was killed in action or (2) a firefighter, a law enforcement officer, or another emergency responder who died in the line of duty.

In addition, the Maryland Transportation Commission (MTC) is required to consider and recommend any request for the dedication of transportation facilities in memory or honor of individuals or groups of significance to the State. MTC may consider and recommend

approval of those requests for dedications that are made for (1) a distinguished individual who is deceased or retired from public or community service and who is widely recognized and renowned for service that has been characterized by exceptional achievement (*e.g.*, Governor Ritchie); (2) groups or associations with special relevance for Maryland (*e.g.*, Maryland Veterans); or (3) aspects of life or areas that are unique to Maryland (*e.g.*, Chesapeake).

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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