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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE  
First Reader

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

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

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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.

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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.

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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.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Designated Cross File:** None.

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