

HOUSE BILL 1392

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Introduced and read first time: February 18, 2010

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Transportation – Bridges Over State Highways – Memorials to Fallen Heroes**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Governor to post a sign or plaque on certain
4 bridges to honor fallen heroes who died in the performance of certain duties
5 while serving the State, local, or federal government in a certain capacity;
6 requiring the sign or plaque to be visible to travelers on certain roads or
7 highways; requiring the Governor to select the fallen heroes to be honored
8 under this Act; defining a certain term; and generally relating to bridge
9 memorials to honor certain fallen heroes.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
11 Article – Transportation
12 Section 8–101(o), (q), and (s)
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

15 BY adding to
16 Article – Transportation
17 Section 8–103
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

20 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
21 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

22 **Article – Transportation**

23 8–101.

24 (o) “Road” means a highway.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (q) "State highway" means any public highway owned by this State.

2 (s) "Street" means a highway.

3 **8-103.**

4 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "FALLEN HERO" MEANS A RESIDENT OF THE
5 STATE WHO DIED IN THE LINE OF DUTY WHILE SERVING:

6 (1) THE STATE OR A LOCAL GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE AS:

7 (I) A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER;

8 (II) A FIREFIGHTER; OR

9 (III) A FIRST RESPONDER; OR

10 (2) AS A MEMBER OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED
11 STATES IN A WAR ZONE.

12 (B) (1) THE GOVERNOR MAY POST A SIGN OR PLAQUE ON ANY
13 BRIDGE SPANNING A ROAD OR STREET THAT CROSSES A STATE HIGHWAY AS A
14 MEMORIAL DEDICATED TO A FALLEN HERO.

15 (2) THE SIGN OR PLAQUE SHALL BE VISIBLE TO TRAVELERS:

16 (I) ON THE ROAD OR STREET THAT CROSSES A STATE
17 HIGHWAY; AND

18 (II) ON THE STATE HIGHWAY.

19 (3) THE GOVERNOR SHALL SELECT EACH FALLEN HERO TO BE
20 HONORED UNDER THIS SECTION.

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
22 October 1, 2010.