

HOUSE BILL 980

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By: **Prince George's County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: February 6, 2014

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Transportation – Roadway Near High Voltage Electric Transmission Line in**
3 **Prince George's County – Limitation**

4 **PG 407–14**

5 FOR the purpose of prohibiting the Department of Transportation from spending
6 funds for the routing or construction of a controlled access highway or major
7 arterial roadway within a certain distance of a high voltage electric
8 transmission line situated within a certain area of Prince George's County;
9 defining a certain term; making stylistic changes; clarifying language; and
10 generally relating to the routing or construction of a roadway near a high
11 voltage electric transmission line in a certain area of Prince George's County.

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
13 Article – Transportation
14 Section 8–601
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

19 **Article – Transportation**

20 8–601.

21 (a) The Administration shall construct, reconstruct, and repair State
22 highways as necessary and shall maintain them in good condition.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (b) The Department may not spend any further funds for the construction of
2 I-95 through Prince George's County that will involve a new or reconstructed segment
3 connecting it to any other highway in Prince George's County.

4 (c) (1) The Department may not spend any further funds for the
5 construction of a new highway, arterial, freeway, or expressway in the lands between
6 Viers Mill Road and Northwest Branch described in the 1980 highway needs inventory
7 as the right-of-way reserved for the Rockville Facility in Montgomery County,
8 including the area designated as the Matthew Henson State Park under § 5-1004 of
9 the Natural Resources Article.

10 [(c) (2) This [prohibition] SUBSECTION does not [preclude] PROHIBIT
11 construction in the right-of-way designated as the Rockville Facility of:

12 [(1) (I) Roadway crossings to facilitate traffic flow and highway
13 safety; or

14 [(2) (II) A hiker/biker trail in the lands between Viers Mill Road and
15 Northwest Branch.

16 (d) (1) IN THIS SUBSECTION, "HIGH VOLTAGE ELECTRIC
17 TRANSMISSION LINE" MEANS AN ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION LINE WITH A
18 CAPACITY OF AT LEAST 69 KILOVOLTS.

19 (2) THE DEPARTMENT MAY NOT SPEND ANY FURTHER FUNDS
20 FOR THE ROUTING OR CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW CONTROLLED ACCESS
21 HIGHWAY OR A MAJOR ARTERIAL ROADWAY WITHIN 1,000 FEET OF A HIGH
22 VOLTAGE ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION LINE THAT IS LOCATED INSIDE THE
23 I-95/I-495 CAPITAL BELTWAY IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY.

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
25 October 1, 2014.