(House Bill 9)

AN ACT concerning

Transportation – Dedication of Structures

FOR the purpose of adding State residency to the eligibility requirements for dedicating a bridge or another appropriate structure to a deceased member of the armed forces; repealing the requirement that the Department of Transportation establish a process by which certain persons may request that the Department dedicate a bridge or another appropriate transportation structure to a certain emergency responder; and generally relating to the dedication of bridges and other transportation structures.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article – Transportation Section 8–656 Annotated Code of Maryland (2015 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

Article – Transportation

8-656.

The Department shall establish a process by which a member of the General Assembly, another elected official, or any member of the general public may request that the Department dedicate a bridge or another appropriate transportation structure under the jurisdiction of the Department to f:

(1) $A_{\frac{1}{2}} \neq \text{deceased member of the armed forces:}$

(1) (I) WHO WAS A RESIDENT OF WHOSE HOME OF RECORD WAS IN THE STATE; AND

(2) (II) [whose] 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 **f**; or

(2) A firefighter, law enforcement officer, or another emergency responder who died in the line of duty $\frac{1}{2}$.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2018.

Approved by the Governor, April 24, 2018.