

HOUSE BILL 1155

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By: **Delegate Conaway**

Introduced and read first time: February 7, 2020

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Local Governments – Responsibility for Repairing or Replacing Sidewalks**

3 FOR the purpose of providing that a county or municipality is responsible for repairing or
4 replacing a sidewalk that becomes damaged as a result of a tree planted by the
5 county or municipality; prohibiting a county or municipality from requiring a certain
6 property owner to repair or replace, or contribute to the cost of repairing or replacing,
7 a sidewalk under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the responsibility
8 of local governments to repair or replace sidewalks.

9 BY adding to

10 Article – Local Government
11 Section 1–1314
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2013 Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

16 **Article – Local Government**

17 **1–1314.**

18 **IF A SIDEWALK BECOMES DAMAGED AS A RESULT OF A TREE PLANTED BY A**
19 **COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY, THE COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY:**

20 **(1) SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR REPAIRING OR REPLACING THE**
21 **SIDEWALK; AND**

22 **(2) MAY NOT REQUIRE THE OWNER OF THE PROPERTY ABUTTING THE**
23 **SIDEWALK TO REPAIR OR REPLACE, OR CONTRIBUTE TO THE COST OF REPAIRING**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **OR REPLACING, THE SIDEWALK.**

2 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
3 October 1, 2020.