

HOUSE BILL 254

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CF SB 874

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Highway Administration – Pedestrian and Bicyclist Fatalities –**
3 **Infrastructure Review**
4 **(Vision Zero Implementation Act of 2022)**

5 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Highway Administration to conduct an
6 infrastructure review of each pedestrian or bicyclist fatality that occurs on a State
7 highway or at an intersection of a State highway and another highway or a municipal
8 street; requiring the Administration to complete the review within a certain number
9 of months after being notified by law enforcement of a pedestrian or bicyclist fatality
10 and publish the review on its website; requiring the Administration to publish a
11 certain assessment on the Administration’s website; and generally relating to
12 infrastructure reviews of pedestrian and bicyclist fatalities occurring on State
13 highways.

14 BY adding to
15 Article – Transportation
16 Section 8–204.2
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



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

3 **Article – Transportation**

4 **8–204.2.**

5 (A) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL CONDUCT AN INFRASTRUCTURE REVIEW
6 OF EACH PEDESTRIAN OR BICYCLIST FATALITY THAT OCCURS:

7 (1) ON A STATE HIGHWAY; OR

8 (2) AT AN INTERSECTION OF A STATE HIGHWAY AND ANOTHER
9 HIGHWAY OR A MUNICIPAL STREET.

10 (B) THE ADMINISTRATION'S INFRASTRUCTURE REVIEW SHALL IDENTIFY:

11 (1) DEFICIENCIES IN ENGINEERING, TRAFFIC CONTROL, AND
12 TRAFFIC OPERATIONS; AND

13 (2) APPROPRIATE CORRECTIVE ACTIONS AND CRASH REDUCTION
14 COUNTERMEASURES THAT ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE ~~FEDERAL HIGHWAY~~
15 ~~ADMINISTRATION'S SAFE SYSTEM APPROACH~~ UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF
16 TRANSPORTATION'S BEST PRACTICES AND THE STATE'S VISION ZERO PROGRAM
17 ESTABLISHED UNDER SUBTITLE 10 OF THIS TITLE, ~~INCLUDING:~~

18 ~~(I) MODIFYING ROADWAY GEOMETRICS IN THE AREA~~
19 ~~SURROUNDING THE TRAFFIC FATALITY;~~

20 ~~(II) REPAIRING, REPLACING, OR INSTALLING APPROPRIATE~~
21 ~~TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES, INCLUDING PEDESTRIAN HYBRID BEACONS;~~

22 ~~(III) REDUCING SPEED LIMITS;~~

23 ~~(IV) ADDING OR MODIFYING SIDEWALKS, SHARED USE~~
24 ~~PATHWAYS, OR BIKE LANES;~~

25 ~~(V) ADDING ACCESSIBLE PEDESTRIAN SIGNALS OR~~
26 ~~RELOCATING PEDESTRIAN SIGNALS TO IMPROVE ACCESSIBILITY;~~

27 ~~(VI) MODIFYING THE WALK INTERVAL OF A PEDESTRIAN~~
28 ~~SIGNAL'S PEDESTRIAN PHASE;~~

1 ~~(VII) ADDING CROSSWALKS OR IMPROVING THE VISIBILITY OF~~
2 ~~EXISTING CROSSWALKS BY REPAINTING CROSSWALK MARKINGS OR ADDING~~
3 ~~CROSSWALK SIGNS;~~

4 ~~(VIII) IMPROVING LIGHTING;~~

5 ~~(IX) ADDING RIGHT TURN ON RED RESTRICTIONS FOR MOTOR~~
6 ~~VEHICLES; AND~~

7 ~~(X) ANY OTHER IMPROVEMENTS THAT THE ADMINISTRATION~~
8 ~~CONSIDERS NECESSARY IF WARRANTED.~~

9 (C) IN CONDUCTING AN INFRASTRUCTURE REVIEW, THE ADMINISTRATION
10 SHALL CONSIDER:

11 (1) HIGHWAY CONTEXT, SUCH AS PROXIMITY OF THE HIGHWAY TO
12 MASS TRANSIT AND WHETHER THE HIGHWAY IS IN AN URBAN OR RURAL AREA;

13 (2) THE DIFFERENT MODES OF TRANSPORTATION USING THE
14 HIGHWAY, ~~INCLUDING THE PERCENTAGE WITH WHICH EACH MODE USES THE~~
15 ~~HIGHWAY; AND~~

16 (3) PRIOR CRASHES IN THE VICINITY.

17 (D) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL:

18 (1) COMPLETE AN INFRASTRUCTURE REVIEW WITHIN 6 MONTHS
19 AFTER BEING NOTIFIED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT OF A PEDESTRIAN OR BICYCLIST
20 FATALITY; AND

21 (2) PUBLISH THE REVIEW ON ITS WEBSITE.

22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before December 1,
23 2023, the State Highway Administration shall publish the vulnerable road user safety
24 assessment required under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, Public Law
25 117-58, on the State Highway Administration's website.

26 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
27 October 1, 2022.