

SENATE BILL 874

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CF HB 254

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A BILL ENTITLED

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 a pedestrian or bicyclist fatality and publish the review on its
10 website; and generally relating to infrastructure reviews of pedestrian and bicyclist
11 fatalities occurring on State highways.

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

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

19 **Article – Transportation**

20 **8–204.2.**

21 **(A) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL CONDUCT AN INFRASTRUCTURE REVIEW**
22 **OF EACH PEDESTRIAN OR BICYCLIST FATALITY THAT OCCURS:**

23 **(1) ON A STATE HIGHWAY; OR**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

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

4 **(1) DEFICIENCIES IN ENGINEERING, TRAFFIC CONTROL, AND**
5 **TRAFFIC OPERATIONS; AND**

6 **(2) APPROPRIATE CORRECTIVE ACTIONS AND CRASH REDUCTION**
7 **COUNTERMEASURES THAT ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY**
8 **ADMINISTRATION'S SAFE SYSTEM APPROACH AND THE STATE'S VISION ZERO**
9 **PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER SUBTITLE 10 OF THIS TITLE, INCLUDING:**

10 **(I) MODIFYING ROADWAY GEOMETRICS IN THE AREA**
11 **SURROUNDING THE TRAFFIC FATALITY;**

12 **(II) REPAIRING, REPLACING, OR INSTALLING APPROPRIATE**
13 **TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES, INCLUDING PEDESTRIAN HYBRID BEACONS;**

14 **(III) REDUCING SPEED LIMITS;**

15 **(IV) ADDING OR MODIFYING SIDEWALKS, SHARED USE**
16 **PATHWAYS, OR BIKE LANES;**

17 **(V) ADDING ACCESSIBLE PEDESTRIAN SIGNALS OR**
18 **RELOCATING PEDESTRIAN SIGNALS TO IMPROVE ACCESSIBILITY;**

19 **(VI) MODIFYING THE WALK INTERVAL OF A PEDESTRIAN**
20 **SIGNAL'S PEDESTRIAN PHASE;**

21 **(VII) ADDING CROSSWALKS OR IMPROVING THE VISIBILITY OF**
22 **EXISTING CROSSWALKS BY REPAINTING CROSSWALK MARKINGS OR ADDING**
23 **CROSSWALK SIGNS;**

24 **(VIII) IMPROVING LIGHTING;**

25 **(IX) ADDING RIGHT TURN ON RED RESTRICTIONS FOR MOTOR**
26 **VEHICLES; AND**

27 **(X) ANY OTHER IMPROVEMENTS THAT THE ADMINISTRATION**
28 **CONSIDERS NECESSARY.**

1 **(C) IN CONDUCTING AN INFRASTRUCTURE REVIEW, THE ADMINISTRATION**
2 **SHALL CONSIDER:**

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

5 **(2) THE DIFFERENT MODES OF TRANSPORTATION USING THE**
6 **HIGHWAY, INCLUDING THE PERCENTAGE WITH WHICH EACH MODE USES THE**
7 **HIGHWAY; AND**

8 **(3) PRIOR CRASHES IN THE VICINITY.**

9 **(D) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL:**

10 **(1) COMPLETE AN INFRASTRUCTURE REVIEW WITHIN 6 MONTHS**
11 **AFTER A PEDESTRIAN OR BICYCLIST FATALITY; AND**

12 **(2) PUBLISH THE REVIEW ON ITS WEBSITE.**

13 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
14 October 1, 2022.