

SENATE BILL 117

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SB 26/21 – FIN

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By: **Senator Ellis**

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Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Highway Administration – Litter Collection and Mowing**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Highway Administration to collect litter and mow
4 the grass along State highways and certain interstate highways with a certain
5 frequency; requiring the Administration to contract with a certain company to collect
6 litter and provide mowing services under this Act; specifying that the provision of
7 litter collection and mowing services under this Act be considered a supplemental
8 environmental project for certain purposes; and generally relating to maintenance
9 along State highways and interstate highways.

10 BY adding to
11 Article – Transportation
12 Section 8–609.4
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – Transportation**

18 **8–609.4.**

19 **(A) (1) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE**
20 **ADMINISTRATION SHALL, ON A CONSISTENT AND REGULAR BASIS, COLLECT LITTER**
21 **AND MOW THE GRASS ALONG STATE HIGHWAYS AND THE INTERSTATE HIGHWAYS**
22 **THAT THE ADMINISTRATION IS RESPONSIBLE FOR MAINTAINING.**

23 **(2) THE ADMINISTRATION MAY SEASONALLY ADJUST THE**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 FREQUENCY WITH WHICH THE ADMINISTRATION COLLECTS LITTER AND MOWS
2 UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, BUT SHALL:

3 (I) COLLECT LITTER AND MOW AT LEAST TWICE A MONTH
4 DURING THE GROWING SEASON;

5 (II) COLLECT LITTER AT LEAST TWICE A MONTH OUTSIDE THE
6 GROWING SEASON, WEATHER PERMITTING; AND

7 (III) IF MOWING WILL OCCUR, COLLECT LITTER BEFORE
8 MOWING.

9 (B) (1) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE
10 ADMINISTRATION SHALL CONTRACT WITH A MARYLAND-BASED COMPANY TO
11 COLLECT LITTER AND PROVIDE MOWING SERVICES UNDER THIS SECTION.

12 (2) WHEN AWARDING A CONTRACT UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS
13 SUBSECTION, THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL GIVE PREFERENCE TO:

14 (I) COMPANIES BASED WITHIN THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE
15 LITTER COLLECTION AND MOWING WILL OCCUR; AND

16 (II) COMPANIES THAT HIRE FORMERLY INCARCERATED
17 INDIVIDUALS.

18 (C) THE PROVISION OF LITTER COLLECTION AND MOWING SERVICES
19 UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE CONSIDERED A SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL
20 PROJECT FOR PURPOSES OF THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY'S
21 SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT POLICY.

22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
23 October 1, 2023.