

SENATE BILL 117

State Highway Administration - Litter Collection and Mowing



Purpose of SB 117

- The purpose of this bill is to require the State Highway Administration to collect litter and mow the grass along State highways and certain interstate highways with a certain frequency.
- It also requires the Administration to contract with a certain company to collect litter and provide mowing services under the Act.
- Additionally, it specifies that the provision of litter collection and mowing services under the Act be considered a supplemental environmental project for certain purposes.



Duties of the State Highway Administration:

- Collect litter and mow at least twice a month during the growing season.
- Collect litter and mow at least twice a month outside the growing season, weather permitting.
- If mowing will occur, collect litter before mowing.

The Administration Must Also:



- Contract with a Maryland-Based company to collect litter and provide mowing services under this section.
- When awarding a contract, the administration must give preference to:
 - Companies based within the county in which the litter collection and mowing will occur; and
 - Companies that hire formerly incarcerated individuals.

TOURIST DESTINATIONS IN MARYLAND



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Why is SB 117 Important?



- According to the Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration, **“Keeping our roadways free from litter and debris improves the health of our environment. It enhances the experience of driving in Maryland - for both residents and visitors.”**
- Highway trash may also **pose a hazard to traffic**. Cleaning roadways can aid in the safety of citizens’ travel.

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