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By: **Senator Dorman**

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Assigned to: Finance

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Highways - Intercounty Connector - Alternative Route Study**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Transportation to study, as one  
4 alternative route for the east-west highway project known as the Intercounty  
5 Connector, a route that incorporates the Maryland Route 32 corridor in Howard  
6 County; making a technical change; and generally relating to the proposed  
7 Intercounty Connector highway project.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9 Article - Transportation  
10 Section 8-601  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (1993 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

15 **Article - Transportation**

16 8-601.

17 (a) The Administration shall construct, reconstruct, and repair State  
18 highways as necessary and shall maintain them in good condition.

19 (b) (1) The Department may not spend any further funds for the  
20 construction of I-95 through Prince George's County that will involve a new or  
21 reconstructed segment connecting it to any other highway in Prince George's County.  
22 The Department may not spend any further funds for the construction of a new  
23 highway, arterial, freeway, or expressway in the right-of-way described in the 1980  
24 highway needs inventory as the right-of-way reserved for the project designated as  
25 the Rockville Facility in Montgomery County.

26 [(c)] (2) This prohibition does not preclude the construction of improvements  
27 at grade intersections and railroad crossings in the right-of-way designated as the  
28 Rockville Facility to facilitate traffic flow and highway safety.

1 (C) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL STUDY, AS ONE ALTERNATIVE ROUTE FOR THE  
2 PROPOSED EAST-WEST HIGHWAY PROJECT KNOWN AS THE INTERCOUNTY  
3 CONNECTOR, A ROUTE THAT INCORPORATES THE MARYLAND ROUTE 32 CORRIDOR IN  
4 HOWARD COUNTY.

5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
6 October 1, 1998.