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By: **Montgomery County and Prince George's County Delegations**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Prince George's County and Montgomery County - Highways - Prohibitions**  
3 **MC/PG 1-99**

4 FOR the purpose of prohibiting the Department of Transportation from spending any  
5 funds or granting approvals or permits for certain purposes relating to certain  
6 proposed highway projects in Prince George's County and Montgomery County;  
7 clarifying language; and generally relating to highways in Prince George's  
8 County and Montgomery County.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
10 Article - Transportation  
11 Section 8-601  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (1993 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

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

16 **Article - Transportation**

17 8-601.

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

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

27 (c) [This prohibition] SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION does not preclude  
28 the construction of improvements at grade intersections and railroad crossings in the

1 right-of-way designated as the Rockville Facility to facilitate traffic flow and  
2 highway safety.

3 (D) IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY AND MONTGOMERY COUNTY, THE  
4 DEPARTMENT MAY NOT SPEND ANY FUNDS OR GRANT ANY APPROVALS OR PERMITS  
5 FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUISITION FOR, OR THE DESIGN OR CONSTRUCTION OF:

6 (1) THE PROPOSED INTERCOUNTY CONNECTOR DESIGNATED BY THE  
7 MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION AS HIGHWAY  
8 A-44 EAST OF U.S. ROUTE 1 (BALTIMORE-WASHINGTON BOULEVARD);

9 (2) THE PROPOSED HIGHWAY DESIGNATED BY THE  
10 MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION AS HIGHWAY  
11 A-58; OR

12 (3) THE PROPOSED WASHINGTON BYPASS (EASTERN ROUTE AND  
13 WESTERN ROUTE).

14 (E) THE DEPARTMENT MAY NOT SPEND ANY FUNDS, GRANT ANY APPROVALS,  
15 OR SELL OR OTHERWISE TRANSFER ANY LAND FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A  
16 HIGHWAY IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY CONNECTING THE I-270 CORRIDOR NEAR THE  
17 ROCKVILLE/GAITHERSBURG AREA OR THE MIDCOUNTY HIGHWAY AREA IN  
18 MONTGOMERY COUNTY AND THE I-95 CORRIDOR NEAR THE LAUREL AREA IN PRINCE  
19 GEORGE'S COUNTY, A PROJECT COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS THE INTERCOUNTY  
20 CONNECTOR.

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take  
22 effect October 1, 1999.