

HOUSE BILL 458

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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Highway Administration – Posting of Traffic Accident and Incident**
3 **Information on Website**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Highway Administration to post regularly on
5 its website summary information about traffic accidents and other traffic
6 incidents that occur on highways in the State; requiring the Administration to
7 maintain the information about traffic accidents and incidents in a certain
8 format that incorporates certain features; and generally relating to the posting
9 of traffic accident and incident information on the website of the State Highway
10 Administration.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
12 Article – Transportation
13 Section 8–101(b) and (i)
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2008 Replacement Volume)

16 BY adding to
17 Article – Transportation
18 Section 8–208
19 Annotated Code of Maryland
20 (2008 Replacement Volume)

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

23 **Article – Transportation**

24 8–101.

25 (b) “Administration” means the State Highway Administration.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (i) "Highway" includes:

2 (1) Rights-of-way, roadway surfaces, roadway subgrades, shoulders,
3 median dividers, drainage facilities and structures, related stormwater management
4 facilities and structures, roadway cuts, roadway fills, guardrails, bridges, highway
5 grade separation structures, railroad grade separations, tunnels, overpasses,
6 underpasses, interchanges, entrance plazas, approaches, and other structures forming
7 an integral part of a street, road, or highway, including bicycle and walking paths; and

8 (2) Any other property acquired for the construction, operation, or use
9 of the highway.

10 **8-208.**

11 (A) **THE ADMINISTRATION REGULARLY SHALL POST ON ITS WEBSITE**
12 **SUMMARY INFORMATION REGARDING TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS AND OTHER TRAFFIC**
13 **INCIDENTS THAT OCCUR ON THE HIGHWAYS IN THE STATE.**

14 (B) **THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL MAINTAIN THE INFORMATION**
15 **PRESCRIBED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION ON ITS WEBSITE IN A**
16 **FORMAT THAT:**

17 (1) **IS CAPABLE OF PRODUCING STATISTICS USING KNOWN CRASH**
18 **DATA;**

19 (2) **IS SEARCHABLE BY:**

20 (I) **THE NAME OF THE HIGHWAY;**

21 (II) **A RANGE OF DATES; AND**

22 (III) **A STARTING AND ENDING MILEAGE POINT ON THE**
23 **HIGHWAY; AND**

24 (3) **ALLOWS THE USER TO EXPORT THE DATA FROM THE WEBSITE**
25 **TO A STANDARD, COMMONLY USED FORMAT, INCLUDING ".CSV" (COMMA**
26 **SEPARATED VALUES), FOR FURTHER ANALYSIS.**

27 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
28 October 1, 2009.