

SENATE BILL 677

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By: **Senator Astle**

Introduced and read first time: January 31, 2014

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Safety – Highway Work Zones – Off-Duty Law Enforcement Officers**
3 **Required**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Highway Administration to require a
5 contractor or other person that requires a work zone to be established on a
6 highway to retain, under certain circumstances, an off-duty law enforcement
7 officer to perform certain services in the work zone; defining certain terms; and
8 generally relating to the employment of off-duty law enforcement officers in
9 highway work zones.

10 BY adding to

11 Article – Transportation
12 Section 8–602.2
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – Transportation**

18 **8–602.2.**

19 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE
20 MEANINGS INDICATED.

21 (2) “LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN
22 § 3–101 OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY ARTICLE.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(3) “WORK ZONE” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 21-810 OF**
2 **THIS TITLE.**

3 **(B) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL REQUIRE A CONTRACTOR OR OTHER**
4 **PERSON THAT REQUIRES A WORK ZONE TO BE ESTABLISHED ON A HIGHWAY TO**
5 **RETAIN THE SERVICES OF AN OFF-DUTY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER TO**
6 **MONITOR AND ASSIST IN TRAFFIC CONTROL AND ENFORCEMENT IN THE WORK**
7 **ZONE WHENEVER:**

8 **(1) WORKERS ARE PRESENT;**

9 **(2) ONE OR MORE OF THE TRAVEL LANES OF THE HIGHWAY ARE**
10 **CLOSED TO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC; AND**

11 **(3) THE SPEED LIMIT ON THE HIGHWAY THROUGH THE WORK**
12 **ZONE IS 40 MILES PER HOUR OR HIGHER.**

13 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
14 October 1, 2014.