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House Bill 1251 (Delegate Korman, *et al.*)
Environment and Transportation

The Roadkill Bill of 2017

This bill requires the State Highway Administration (SHA), in consultation with all interested parties, to adopt timely and comprehensive regulations establishing an accessible process for citizens to report roadkill on State highways.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: SHA can handle the bill's requirements using existing resources.

Local Effect: The bill does not affect local governmental operations or finances.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Current Law/Background: SHA is responsible for more than 5,200 miles or approximately 16,800 lane miles of road, 2,500 bridges, 3,500 small stream crossing structures, and 80 miles of sound barriers in the State. It also has responsibility for planning, designing, constructing, and maintaining these roads and bridges to safety and performance standards while considering sociological, ecological, and economic concerns.

SHA must keep all State highways clear of brush, snow, and other debris. Additionally, SHA must remove any animal carcass that will impede traffic or substantially endanger the safety of the traveling public as soon as it becomes aware of the carcass.

SHA advises that citizens are currently able to report roadkill through its [Customer Care Management System](#), various toll-free numbers, and SHA's Statewide Operations Center.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

Information Source(s): Dorchester, Garrett, and Montgomery counties; Maryland Department of Transportation; Department of Legislative Services

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