

HOUSE BILL 560

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By: **Delegates Healey, Gaines, and Stewart**

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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Transportation – State Highway Administration – Traffic Calming Devices**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Highway Administration ~~to develop certain~~
4 ~~statewide standards for the construction and maintenance of traffic calming devices;~~
5 ~~requiring the Administration to publish a manual providing the statewide standards~~
6 ~~for the construction and maintenance of traffic calming devices, in consultation with~~
7 appropriate county and municipal authorities, to compile certain best practices for
8 siting, constructing, and maintaining traffic calming devices; requiring the
9 Administration to coordinate and act as a clearinghouse for certain best practices for
10 traffic calming devices and, based on the best practices, publish and periodically
11 update certain information on best practices for traffic calming devices; requiring
12 the information on best practices to include certain cost estimates; requiring the
13 Administration to provide ~~engineering services~~ information on best practices for the
14 development siting, construction, and maintenance of traffic calming devices if
15 requested by a county or municipality; defining a certain term; and generally
16 relating to traffic calming devices.

17 BY adding to

18 Article – Transportation

19 Section 8–637

20 Annotated Code of Maryland

21 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

22 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

23 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



Article – Transportation

8-637.

(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION, “TRAFFIC CALMING DEVICE” MEANS A PHYSICAL HIGHWAY MEASURE USED TO REDUCE VEHICLE SPEED AND INCREASE SAFETY FOR BICYCLISTS, MOTORISTS, AND PEDESTRIANS.

(2) “TRAFFIC CALMING DEVICE” INCLUDES:

- (I) A SPEED BUMP;
- (II) A RAISED CROSSWALK;
- (III) A TRAFFIC CIRCLE; AND
- (IV) A NARROWED ROAD.

(B) (1) THE ADMINISTRATION, IN CONSULTATION WITH APPROPRIATE COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES, SHALL DEVELOP AND ADOPT STATEWIDE COMPILE STANDARDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF TRAFFIC CALMING DEVICES, INCLUDING STANDARDS ADDRESSING BEST PRACTICES FOR SITING, CONSTRUCTING, AND MAINTAINING TRAFFIC CALMING DEVICES THAT ADDRESS:

- (I) THE ENGINEERING AND DESIGN OF TRAFFIC CALMING DEVICES; AND
- (II) THE COSTS AND BENEFITS OF VARIOUS METHODS OF TRAFFIC CALMING.

(2) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL PUBLISH A MANUAL PROVIDING STATEWIDE STANDARDS:

- (I) COORDINATE AND ACT AS A CLEARINGHOUSE FOR BEST PRACTICES FOR SITING, CONSTRUCTING, AND MAINTAINING TRAFFIC CALMING DEVICES; AND
- (II) BASED ON THE BEST PRACTICES, PUBLISH AND PERIODICALLY UPDATE INFORMATION ABOUT BEST PRACTICES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION SITING, CONSTRUCTION, AND MAINTENANCE OF TRAFFIC CALMING DEVICES.

1 **(3) ~~THE MANUAL~~ INFORMATION ON BEST PRACTICES REQUIRED**
2 **UNDER PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL INCLUDE THE ESTIMATED**
3 **COSTS OF CONSTRUCTION ~~OF~~ FOR EACH TRAFFIC CALMING DEVICE.**

4 **(c) ~~(1)~~ ON THE REQUEST OF A COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY, THE**
5 **ADMINISTRATION SHALL PROVIDE ~~ENGINEERING SERVICES~~ INFORMATION ON BEST**
6 **PRACTICES FOR THE ~~DEVELOPMENT~~ SITING, CONSTRUCTION, AND MAINTENANCE**
7 **OF TRAFFIC CALMING DEVICES.**

8 **~~(2) ANY SERVICE PROVIDED BY THE ADMINISTRATION TO A COUNTY~~**
9 **~~UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE PROVIDED AT COST OR LOWER.~~**

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
11 October 1, 2019.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.