

HOUSE BILL 1013

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By: **Delegate Wilson**

Introduced and read first time: February 8, 2019

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Department of Transportation – Study on Roadway Surface Material**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Transportation to conduct a study and
4 make certain recommendations on roadway surface material; establishing the
5 purpose of the study; requiring the Department to report its findings and
6 recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain
7 date; and generally relating to a study on roadway surface materials.

8 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
9 That:

10 (a) The Department of Transportation shall conduct a study on roadway surface
11 material.

12 (b) The purpose of the study is to determine the roadway surface material that is
13 the most efficient in terms of cost, durability, and maintenance.

14 (c) In conducting the study, the Department shall:

15 (1) study the potential of using concrete and other roadway surface
16 materials as an alternative to asphalt in terms of:

17 (i) cost;

18 (ii) durability; and

19 (iii) maintenance;

20 (2) analyze alternatives to the use of asphalt as a roadway surface material
21 that are used in other states and countries;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (3) explore options for replacing existing asphalt roadways in the State
2 with concrete or other alternative roadway surface materials; and

3 (4) develop recommendations comparing the cost, durability, and
4 maintenance of concrete and other alternative roadway surface materials with the cost,
5 durability, and maintenance of asphalt.

6 (d) On or before January 1, 2020, the Department shall submit a report of its
7 findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the
8 State Government Article, the General Assembly.

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