Chapter 585

(Senate Bill 810)

AN ACT concerning

State Highway Administration – Electronic Signs Along Highways – Suicide Prevention

FOR the purpose of authorizing the State Highway Administration to post information on suicide prevention, including a hotline number, on electronic signs along any highway within a certain radius of a high suicide risk zone, as identified by the Administration; authorizing the Administration to adopt certain regulations; and generally relating to suicide prevention and electronic signs along highways.

BY adding to

Article – Transportation Section 8–662 Annotated Code of Maryland (2015 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

Article – Transportation

8-662.

- (A) THE ADMINISTRATION MAY POST INFORMATION ON SUICIDE PREVENTION, INCLUDING A HOTLINE NUMBER, ON ELECTRONIC SIGNS ALONG ANY HIGHWAY WITHIN A 5-MILE RADIUS OF A HIGH SUICIDE RISK ZONE, AS IDENTIFIED BY THE ADMINISTRATION.
- (B) THE ADMINISTRATION MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2020.

Enacted under Article II, § 17(c) of the Maryland Constitution, May 8, 2020.