

**HB0344/573023/1**

BY: Environment and Transportation Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 344  
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike “**Advisory Commission – Establishment**” and substitute “– **Implementation**”; in line 3, after “establishing” insert “certain standards and requirements for implementing”; in lines 3 and 4, in each instance, strike “Advisory Commission” and substitute “program under the Maryland Department of Transportation”; after line 4, insert:

“BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - General Provisions

Section 3-307

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2019 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)”;

in line 7, strike “and”; in the same line, after “8–1003” insert “, and 8–1006”; in line 12, after “Section” insert “8–1004, 8–1005, and”; and strike in their entirety lines 15 through 19, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, after line 21, insert:

“Article – General Provisions

3–307.

(a) This section applies only to the following public bodies:

- (1) the Board of Directors of the Bainbridge Development Corporation;
- (2) the Canal Place Preservation and Development Authority;

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- (3) the Maryland 9-1-1 Board;
- (4) the Board of Directors of the Maryland Agricultural and Resource-Based Industry Corporation;
- (5) the Board of Directors of the Maryland Clean Energy Center;
- (6) the Board of Directors of the Maryland Economic Development Corporation;
- (7) the Board of Directors of the Maryland Environmental Service;
- (8) the Maryland Food Center Authority;
- (9) the Maryland Health and Higher Educational Facilities Authority;
- (10) the Maryland Industrial Development Financing Authority;
- (11) the Maryland Stadium Authority;
- (12) the Maryland Transportation Authority;
- (13) the Northeast Maryland Waste Disposal Authority;
- (14) the Public Service Commission;
- (15) the State Board of Elections;
- (16) the Maryland Technology Development Corporation;
- (17) the Historic St. Mary's City Commission;
- (18) the State Ethics Commission; [and]
- (19) the Maryland Aviation Commission; AND

**(20) THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, WITH RESPECT TO QUARTERLY PUBLIC MEETINGS HELD BY THE VISION ZERO COORDINATOR ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF VISION ZERO UNDER § 8-1004 OF THE TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE.**

(b) A public body specified in subsection (a) of this section shall make publicly available on its website:

(1) each open meeting agenda, together with a summary of any finalized documents, written testimony from the public, and other materials that the public body will vote on at the open meeting:

(i) at least 48 hours in advance of each meeting; or

(ii) if the meeting is being held due to an emergency, a natural disaster, or any other unanticipated situation, as far in advance of the meeting as practicable;

(2) meeting minutes from the portions of a meeting that were held in open session, not more than 2 business days after the minutes are approved; and

(3) subject to subsections (f) and (g) of this section, live video streaming of each portion of a meeting that is held in open session.

(c) To the extent practicable, each open meeting agenda shall indicate:

(1) whether the public body intends to adjourn the open session to a closed session; and

(2) if applicable, the expected time at which the public body intends to adjourn the open session to a closed session.

(d) (1) The public body shall approve meeting minutes in a timely manner.

(2) Each open meeting agenda shall include consideration of the meeting minutes from the most recent meeting.

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(3) The requirement under paragraph (2) of this subsection does not apply to the agenda of an emergency meeting of a public body if consideration of the meeting minutes from the most recent meeting is not practicable because of the need to hold an emergency meeting.

(e) The public body shall maintain on its website:

(1) meeting minutes made available under subsection (b) of this section for a minimum of 5 years after the date of the meeting; and

(2) except as provided in subsections (f) [and (g)], (G), AND (G-1) of this section, a complete and unedited archived video recording of each open meeting for which live video streaming was made available under subsection (b) of this section for a minimum of 1 year after the date of the meeting.

(f) (1) This subsection applies only to the Maryland Stadium Authority.

(2) If the Maryland Stadium Authority meets by telephone conference, the Authority shall:

(i) make publicly available on its website live audio streaming of each portion of the meeting that is held in open session; and

(ii) maintain on its website a complete and unedited archived audio recording of each meeting for which live audio streaming was made available for a minimum of 1 year after the date of the meeting.

(g) (1) This subsection applies only to the Maryland Transportation Authority.

(2) The Maryland Transportation Authority is required to provide live video streaming of a meeting only if the meeting is held at:

(i) the headquarters of the Maryland Transportation Authority;  
or

(ii) a location where the Maryland Transportation Authority held at least 10 meetings during the immediately preceding calendar year.

(G-1) THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, WITH RESPECT TO QUARTERLY PUBLIC MEETINGS HELD BY THE VISION ZERO COORDINATOR ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF VISION ZERO UNDER § 8-1004 OF THE TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE, SHALL MAINTAIN ON ITS WEBSITE A COMPLETE AND UNEDITED ARCHIVED VIDEO RECORDING OF THE MEETING FOR A MINIMUM OF 5 YEARS AFTER THE DATE OF THE MEETING.

(h) The Department of Information Technology shall provide the technical staff, support, and equipment necessary to livestream the open meetings of:

- (1) the Maryland Transportation Authority;
- (2) the State Board of Elections; and
- (3) the State Ethics Commission.

(i) For purposes of this title, a project site visit or educational field tour may not be considered a meeting of a public body listed under subsection (a) of this section if no organizational business is conducted.

(j) Nothing in this section may be construed to prevent a public body from altering the agenda of a meeting after the agenda has been made available to the public.

(k) The requirements of this section are in addition to the other requirements of this subtitle.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, after line 13, insert:

“8-1004.

(a) The Department shall designate a coordinator to oversee the implementation of Vision Zero throughout the State.

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(b) (1) In implementing Vision Zero, the coordinator shall collaborate with other State agencies and local authorities, including local transportation agencies, law enforcement agencies, educational institutions, and fire and rescue services, TO:

(I) IDENTIFY STRATEGIES FOR ACHIEVING THE VISION ZERO GOAL ESTABLISHED UNDER § 8-1003(B) OF THIS SUBTITLE AS ENUMERATED UNDER § 8-1005 OF THIS SUBTITLE;

(II) ANALYZE INFRASTRUCTURE REVIEWS COMPLETED UNDER § 8-204.2 OF THIS TITLE;

(III) PROVIDE GUIDANCE ON ANY OTHER ISSUE DIRECTLY RELATED TO ROADWAY SAFETY; AND

(IV) ADVISE THE GOVERNOR AND STATE AND LOCAL AGENCIES ON:

1. THE IMPLEMENTATION OF VISION ZERO;

2. POLICIES, PROGRAMS, AND SERVICES AFFECTING TRAFFIC SAFETY FOR PEDESTRIANS, BICYCLISTS, AND DRIVERS AND PASSENGERS OF MOTOR VEHICLES; AND

3. PRIORITIES AND NEEDS FOR ROADWAY SAFETY.

(2) (I) THE COORDINATOR SHALL HOLD A QUARTERLY PUBLIC MEETING ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF VISION ZERO WITH:

1. THE ADMINISTRATOR OR THE ADMINISTRATOR'S DESIGNEE;

2. THE MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATOR OR THE MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATOR'S DESIGNEE;

3. THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY OR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE; AND

4. A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY AS DESIGNATED BY THE SECRETARY.

(II) THE COORDINATOR MAY REQUEST THAT ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE STATE OR LOCAL OFFICIAL PARTICIPATE IN OR TAKE QUESTIONS AT A QUARTERLY PUBLIC MEETING.

(III) AT A QUARTERLY PUBLIC MEETING, THE PARTICIPANTS IDENTIFIED UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL:

1. ADDRESS AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON ANY VISION ZERO DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION ISSUES IDENTIFIED BY THE COORDINATOR UNDER PARAGRAPH (1)(I) OF THIS SUBSECTION;

2. A. DISCUSS EACH INFRASTRUCTURE REVIEW COMPLETED UNDER § 8-204.2 OF THIS TITLE AND ANALYZED BY THE COORDINATOR; AND

B. VOTE TO ACCEPT THE INFRASTRUCTURE REVIEW OR TO RETURN THE INFRASTRUCTURE REVIEW TO THE PERSON THAT CONDUCTED IT FOR A RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS OR FOR FURTHER REVIEW AS APPROPRIATE; AND

3. DISCUSS AND RECOMMEND ANY GUIDANCE OR ADVICE FOR THE COORDINATOR TO PROVIDE UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

(IV) 1. A QUARTERLY PUBLIC MEETING SHALL BE LIVESTREAMED.

2. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL MAINTAIN ON ITS WEBSITE A COMPLETE AND UNEDITED ARCHIVED VIDEO RECORDING OF EACH

**QUARTERLY PUBLIC MEETING FOR A MINIMUM OF 5 YEARS AFTER THE DATE OF THE MEETING.**

8–1005.

The implementation of Vision Zero shall include [strategies for achieving the goal established under § 8–1003(b) of this subtitle, including] strategies for:

- (1) Identifying State and local laws, policies, and regulations that hinder the development and implementation of Vision Zero;
- (2) Proposing changes to State and local laws to allow for innovative engineering and traffic calming;
- (3) Creating a Vision Zero website that contains information related to Vision Zero;
- (4) Collecting and publishing motor vehicle collision data;
- (5) Connecting with other states and communities that have implemented a similar Vision Zero program;
- (6) Reviewing existing traffic safety programs to determine their effectiveness;
- (7) Working with research organizations to develop best practices;
- (8) Prioritizing resources for investment in the communities most affected by motor vehicle collisions;
- (9) Proactively engaging community members to address their traffic safety concerns;
- (10) Developing and publishing a long-term plan for the continued development of Vision Zero; and
- (11) Investing more resources into construction needs for high-accident intersections and roadway sections.



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8-1006.

Funds for Vision Zero shall be as provided by the Governor in the State budget.”;

in line 18, strike “AND”; in line 19, after “THE” insert “ACTIVITIES, AND ANY”; in the same line, after “RECOMMENDATIONS” insert a comma; strike beginning with “VISION” in line 19 down through “SUBTITLE” in line 20 and substitute “COORDINATOR; AND”

**(3) A SUMMARY OF EACH QUARTERLY PUBLIC MEETING HELD IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR”.**

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On pages 2 through 7, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 23 on page 2 through line 16 on page 7, inclusive.

On page 7, in line 17, strike “3” and substitute “2”.