

HOUSE BILL 668

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By: St. Mary's County Delegation

Introduced and read first time: February 2, 2026

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **St. Mary's County – Prohibition on Standing in Inherently Dangerous Highway**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person in St. Mary's County from standing in a roadway,
4 a shoulder, a median divide, or an intersection determined by the county or a
5 municipal corporation in the county to be inherently dangerous; prohibiting a police
6 officer from issuing a citation for a violation of this Act unless certain conditions are
7 met; and generally relating to prohibiting standing in inherently dangerous
8 roadways, shoulders, median divides, or intersections in St. Mary's County.

9 BY adding to

10 Article – Transportation

11 Section 21-507.1

12 Annotated Code of Maryland

13 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

15 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

16 **Article – Transportation**

17 **21-507.1.**

18 **(A) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY IN ST. MARY'S COUNTY.**

19 **(B) IN THIS SECTION, "INHERENTLY DANGEROUS" MEANS POSING A**
20 **SERIOUS RISK OF INJURY TO A PEDESTRIAN, A DRIVER OR PASSENGER IN A VEHICLE,**
21 **OR OTHER PERSONS THAT CANNOT BE MITIGATED WITH THE EXERCISE OF**
22 **ORDINARY CARE.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (C) A PERSON MAY NOT STAND IN A ROADWAY, A SHOULDER, A MEDIAN
2 DIVIDER, OR AN INTERSECTION DETERMINED BY THE COUNTY OR A MUNICIPAL
3 CORPORATION IN THE COUNTY TO BE INHERENTLY DANGEROUS.

4 (D) A POLICE OFFICER MAY NOT ISSUE A CITATION FOR A VIOLATION OF
5 THIS SECTION UNLESS:

6 (1) THE INHERENTLY DANGEROUS ROADWAY, SHOULDER, MEDIAN
7 DIVIDER, OR INTERSECTION HAS APPROPRIATE SIGNS INSTALLED THAT NOTIFY THE
8 PUBLIC THAT A PERSON MAY NOT STAND IN VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION; AND

9 (2) THE SIGNS ARE INSTALLED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MANUAL
10 AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR A UNIFORM SYSTEM OF TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES
11 ADOPTED BY THE STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION UNDER § 25-104 OF THIS
12 ARTICLE.

13 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
14 October 1, 2026.