

# HOUSE BILL 669

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By: Delegate Pruski

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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2                   **Political Subdivisions – Third-Party Road Improvements – Satisfactory**  
3                   **Completion**

4 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a political subdivision from issuing a use and occupancy  
5 permit to the holder of a permit to complete certain improvements on certain State  
6 roads until the improvement is completed to the satisfaction of the State Highway  
7 Administration and the political subdivision; and generally relating to State road  
8 improvements.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
10                   Article – Transportation  
11                   Section 8-646(a)  
12                   Annotated Code of Maryland  
13                   (2020 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
15                   Article – Transportation  
16                   Section 8-646(b)  
17                   Annotated Code of Maryland  
18                   (2020 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

21                   **Article – Transportation**

22                   8-646.

23                   (a) Except as permitted by this section or in accordance with a permit obtained  
24 from the Administration, a person may not:

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- (1) Make an opening in any State highway;
- (2) Place any structure on any State highway;
- (3) Change or renew any structure placed on any State highway;
- (4) Dig up any State highway for any purpose, including the placement of poles, wires, or rails;
- (5) Plant or remove any tree on any State highway; or
- (6) Place any obstruction or improvement on any State highway.

10 (2) Work done under the permit shall be performed to the satisfaction of  
11 the Administration and under its supervision.

1                   **(6) A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION MAY NOT ISSUE A USE AND OCCUPANCY**  
2   **PERMIT TO A NONGOVERNMENT HOLDER OF A PERMIT AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS**  
3   **SECTION WHO IS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE WORK OTHERWISE PROHIBITED BY**  
4   **SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION ON A STATE HIGHWAY THAT CARRIES AN**  
5   **AVERAGE TRAFFIC VOLUME OF MORE THAN 25,000 VEHICLES A DAY UNTIL THE**  
6   **WORK IS COMPLETED TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND THE**  
7   **POLITICAL SUBDIVISION.**

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