

HOUSE BILL 1508

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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Highway Administration – Highway Work Permits – Notice**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Highway Administration to immediately provide
4 certain notice including certain information to certain members of the General
5 Assembly of an application for a work permit on a State highway; and generally
6 relating to notice of work permits for State highways.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

8 Article – Transportation

9 Section 8–646(a) and (b)(1) and (2)

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

12 BY adding to

13 Article – Transportation

14 Section 8–646(e)

15 Annotated Code of Maryland

16 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

18 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

19 **Article – Transportation**

20 8–646.

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

23 (1) Make an opening in any State highway;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

7 (b) (1) The Administration may issue a permit for work otherwise prohibited
8 by subsection (a) of this section.

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

11 **(E) (1) ON RECEIPT OF AN APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT UNDER THIS**
12 **SECTION, THE ADMINISTRATION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THE STATE**
13 **GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, SHALL IMMEDIATELY PROVIDE NOTICE OF THE**
14 **APPLICATION TO EACH MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WHO REPRESENTS**
15 **THE STATE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT IN WHICH THE PROPOSED WORK IS TO BE**
16 **PERFORMED.**

17 **(2) THE NOTICE REQUIRED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL**
18 **INCLUDE:**

19 **(I) THE NAME OF THE APPLICANT;**

20 **(II) THE LOCATION OF THE PROPOSED WORK;**

21 **(III) THE EXPECTED STARTING DATE FOR THE PROPOSED WORK;**

22 **AND**

23 **(IV) A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROPOSED**
24 **WORK.**

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
26 1, 2026.