

HOUSE BILL 1508

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By: **Delegates Nawrocki, Allen, Arikan, Behler, Boyce, Guyton, Jacobs, T. Morgan, and ~~Szeliga~~ Szeliga, Baker, Grammer, Healey, Lewis, and Stein**

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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

Committee Report: Favorable with amendments

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

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

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

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

9 Article – Transportation

10 Section 8–646(a) and (b)(1) and (2)

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

13 BY adding to

14 Article – Transportation

15 Section 8–646(e)

16 Annotated Code of Maryland

17 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

19 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

20 **Article – Transportation**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 8-646.

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

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

5 (2) Place any structure on any State highway;

6 (3) Change or renew any structure placed on any State highway;

7 (4) Dig up any State highway for any purpose, including the placement of
8 pipes, sewers, poles, wires, or rails;

9 (5) Plant or remove any tree on any State highway; or

10 (6) Place any obstruction or improvement on any State highway.

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

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

15 (E) (1) ~~ON RECEIPT OF~~ **WITHIN 10 DAYS AFTER AN APPLICANT SUBMITS**
16 **AN APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT UNDER THIS SECTION FOR A TYPE 2 OR TYPE 3**
17 **PROJECT, AS DESIGNATED BY THE ADMINISTRATION, ~~THE ADMINISTRATION, IN~~**
18 **~~ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE~~**
19 **~~APPLICANT SHALL IMMEDIATELY~~ PROVIDE NOTICE OF THE APPLICATION TO EACH**
20 **MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WHO REPRESENTS THE STATE LEGISLATIVE**
21 **DISTRICT IN WHICH THE PROPOSED WORK IS TO BE PERFORMED.**

22 (2) **THE NOTICE REQUIRED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL**
23 **INCLUDE:**

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

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

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

27 **AND**

28 (IV) **A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROPOSED**
29 **WORK.**

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

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.