

HOUSE BILL 252

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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Highway Administration – Highway Cleanup – Records and Reporting**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Highway Administration to keep and maintain
4 certain records about highway cleanup on State highways; requiring the
5 Administration to report annually certain records on highway cleanup under certain
6 State–county agreements to the General Assembly by a certain date; requiring the
7 Administration to publish annually on its website certain highway cleanup schedules
8 and certain related information by a certain date; and generally relating to record
9 keeping and reporting on highway cleanup by the State Highway Administration.

10 BY adding to

11 Article – Transportation

12 Section 8–638

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – Transportation**

18 **8–638.**

19 **(A) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL KEEP AND MAINTAIN RECORDS THAT**
20 **SHOW IN DETAIL ALL PROCESSES, PROCEDURES, AND EXPENDITURES MADE TO**
21 **MAINTAIN CLEAN HIGHWAYS IN THE STATE IN ACCORDANCE WITH ANY**
22 **AGREEMENTS WITH A COUNTY OR MULTIPLE COUNTIES, AND THAT INCLUDE:**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(1) A STATEWIDE SUMMARY OF ALL COUNTY AND MULTICOUNTY**
2 **AGREEMENTS THAT REQUIRE THE ADMINISTRATION TO CONDUCT LITTER**
3 **REMOVAL, STREET CLEANING, AND RELATED ACTIVITY ON STATE HIGHWAYS IN**
4 **EACH COUNTY;**

5 **(2) A SUMMARY OF EACH COUNTY AND MULTICOUNTY AGREEMENT**
6 **THAT INCLUDES:**

7 **(I) A FULL LIST OF ALL HIGHWAY CLEANUP PROJECTS;**

8 **(II) COSTS INCURRED FOR EACH PROJECT;**

9 **(III) SCHEDULES FOR EACH PROJECT; AND**

10 **(IV) THE NUMBER OF ADMINISTRATION EMPLOYEES,**
11 **CONTRACTORS, AND VEHICLES ASSIGNED TO EACH PROJECT; AND**

12 **(3) A FULL REPORT ON THE ADMINISTRATION'S HIGHWAY CLEANUP**
13 **PROCESSES, INCLUDING:**

14 **(I) THE PROCESS BY WHICH HIGHWAY CLEANUP SITES IN EACH**
15 **COUNTY ARE SELECTED AND THE ASSETS THAT ARE PROVIDED TO CONDUCT THE**
16 **CLEANUP;**

17 **(II) INFORMATION ON HOW THE ADMINISTRATION SELECTS**
18 **THE ORDER IN WHICH HIGHWAYS ARE TO BE CLEANED;**

19 **(III) INFORMATION ON HOW RESOURCES ARE ALLOCATED ON**
20 **BOTH A COUNTY AND STATEWIDE BASIS, TO DETERMINE WHICH HIGHWAY CLEANUP**
21 **SITES AND COUNTIES HAVE RECEIVED PRIORITY STATUS;**

22 **(IV) A SUMMARY OF ALL HIGHWAY CLEANUP RULES,**
23 **REGULATIONS, AND PROCEDURES FOR THE FOLLOWING:**

24 **1. LITTER REMOVAL;**

25 **2. LANDSCAPING, MOWING, AND RELATED EFFORTS;**

26 **3. STREET SWEEPING AND DITCH OR CULVERT**
27 **CLEANING; AND**

28 **4. WINTER OPERATIONS, INCLUDING SNOW REMOVAL,**
29 **ANTI-ICING EFFORTS, AND ROAD SALT DISPERSION;**

1 (v) 1. A. A DESCRIPTION OF THE PROCESSES AND
2 DUTIES OF THE ADMINISTRATION'S OFFICE OF MAINTENANCE, DIVISION OF
3 HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE – MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS; AND

4 B. A SUMMARY OF THE OFFICE'S OVERSIGHT OF LITTER
5 CONTROL PROGRAMS; AND

6 2. A SUMMARY OF HOW THE OFFICE'S CURRENT
7 PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT, RESOURCE ANALYSIS, AND SURVEY RESOURCES
8 MAY BE USED TO:

9 A. INFORM AND IMPROVE HIGHWAY CLEANUP EFFORTS;

10 B. INCREASE TRANSPARENCY FOR HIGHWAY CLEANUP
11 PROJECTS; AND

12 C. ENSURE THAT EACH COUNTY IS RECEIVING AN
13 EQUITABLE LEVEL OF HIGHWAY CLEANUP RESOURCES; AND

14 (vi) ALL INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON POSTCLEANUP
15 PROCESSES, INCLUDING HOW THE ADMINISTRATION DETERMINES WHETHER A
16 CLEANUP PROJECT IS COMPLETE.

17 (b) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2023, AND EACH DECEMBER 31
18 THEREAFTER, THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL PUBLISH ON ITS WEBSITE BY COUNTY:

19 (1) A FULL LIST OF EXISTING AND SCHEDULED HIGHWAY CLEANUP
20 PROJECTS; AND

21 (2) ALL HIGHWAY CLEANUP SCHEDULES AND NOTICES.

22 (c) ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY 1, 2024, AND EACH FEBRUARY 1
23 THEREAFTER, THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF
24 THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THE
25 RECORDS REQUIRED TO BE KEPT UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION FOR THE
26 PREVIOUS CALENDAR YEAR.

27 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
28 October 1, 2023.