

SENATE BILL 584

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By: **Senator West**

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Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force on Traffic Patterns and Infrastructure on MD Route 45 (York Road)**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force on Traffic Patterns and Infrastructure on
4 MD Route 45 (York Road) to study and make recommendations on traffic patterns,
5 infrastructure, street parking, bicycle lanes, sidewalk width, and signage on York
6 Road; and generally relating to a Task Force on Traffic Patterns and Infrastructure
7 on MD Route 45.

8 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
9 That:

10 (a) There is a Task Force on Traffic Patterns and Infrastructure on MD Route 45
11 (York Road).

12 (b) The Task Force consists of the following members:

13 (1) one representative of the Towson Chamber of Commerce, appointed by
14 the President of the Towson Chamber of Commerce;

15 (2) one representative of the State Highway Administration, appointed by
16 the Administrator of the State Highway Administration; and

17 (3) the following members, appointed by the County Executive of Baltimore
18 County:

19 (i) one representative of Baltimore County's Bureau of Highways;

20 (ii) one representative of the Baltimore County Revenue Authority;

21 (iii) one representative of the Baltimore County Government; and

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (iv) one representative who works on implementing Main Street
2 Maryland in Towson.

3 (c) The Administrator of the State Highway Administration shall designate the
4 chair of the Task Force.

5 (d) The State Highway Administration shall provide staff for the Task Force.

6 (e) A member of the Task Force:

7 (1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Task Force; but

8 (2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State
9 Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

10 (f) The Task Force shall study and make recommendations on:

11 (1) the traffic patterns and infrastructure on MD Route 45 (York Road),
12 from the intersection of York Road and Fairmount Avenue to the intersection of York Road
13 and Stevenson Lane, including all streets intersecting this section of York Road;

14 (2) the effects and advisability of restricting or removing street parking
15 along the section of York Road specified under item (1) of this subsection;

16 (3) the feasibility and advisability of creating a bike lane and expanding
17 sidewalk width for increased walkability along the section of York Road specified under
18 item (1) of this subsection; and

19 (4) the effectiveness of current signage in encouraging motorists to utilize
20 the MD Route 45 Bypass (Bosley Avenue) and potential ways of increasing sign
21 effectiveness.

22 (g) On or before December 31, 2023, the Task Force shall report its findings and
23 recommendations to the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee
24 and the House Environment and Transportation Committee in accordance with § 2-1257
25 of the State Government Article.

26 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
27 1, 2022. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 1 month and, at the end of June
28 30, 2023, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be
29 abrogated and of no further force and effect.