

HOUSE BILL 560

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By: **Delegates Healey, Gaines, and Stewart**
Introduced and read first time: February 4, 2019
Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Transportation – State Highway Administration – Traffic Calming Devices**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Highway Administration to develop certain
4 statewide standards for the construction and maintenance of traffic calming devices;
5 requiring the Administration to publish a manual providing the statewide standards
6 for the construction and maintenance of traffic calming devices; requiring the
7 Administration to provide engineering services for the development, construction,
8 and maintenance of traffic calming devices if requested by a county; defining a
9 certain term; and generally relating to traffic calming devices.

10 BY adding to

11 Article – Transportation

12 Section 8–637

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2018 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 **8–637.**

19 **(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION, “TRAFFIC CALMING DEVICE” MEANS A**
20 **PHYSICAL HIGHWAY MEASURE USED TO REDUCE VEHICLE SPEED AND INCREASE**
21 **SAFETY FOR BICYCLISTS, MOTORISTS, AND PEDESTRIANS.**

22 **(2) “TRAFFIC CALMING DEVICE” INCLUDES:**

23 **(I) A SPEED BUMP;**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (II) A RAISED CROSSWALK;

2 (III) A TRAFFIC CIRCLE; AND

3 (IV) A NARROWED ROAD.

4 (B) (1) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL DEVELOP AND ADOPT STATEWIDE
5 STANDARDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF TRAFFIC CALMING
6 DEVICES, INCLUDING STANDARDS ADDRESSING:

7 (I) THE ENGINEERING AND DESIGN OF TRAFFIC CALMING
8 DEVICES; AND

9 (II) THE COSTS AND BENEFITS OF VARIOUS METHODS OF
10 TRAFFIC CALMING.

11 (2) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL PUBLISH A MANUAL PROVIDING
12 STATEWIDE STANDARDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF TRAFFIC
13 CALMING DEVICES.

14 (3) THE MANUAL REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS
15 SUBSECTION SHALL INCLUDE THE ESTIMATED COSTS OF CONSTRUCTION OF EACH
16 TRAFFIC CALMING DEVICE.

17 (C) (1) ON THE REQUEST OF A COUNTY, THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL
18 PROVIDE ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT, CONSTRUCTION, AND
19 MAINTENANCE OF TRAFFIC CALMING DEVICES.

20 (2) ANY SERVICE PROVIDED BY THE ADMINISTRATION TO A COUNTY
21 UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE PROVIDED AT COST OR LOWER.

22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
23 October 1, 2019.