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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE  
Third Reader - Revised

House Bill 1508

(Delegate Nawrocki, *et al.*)

Environment and Transportation

Judicial Proceedings

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State Highways - Highway Work Permits - Notice

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This bill requires a person that submits an application to the State Highway Administration (SHA) for a permit to conduct work on a State highway for a Type 2 or Type 3 project to provide notice of the application – within 10 days after the application is submitted – to each member of the General Assembly who represents the State legislative district in which the proposed work is to be performed. The notice must include (1) the name of the applicant; (2) the location of the proposed work; (3) the expected starting date for the proposed work; and (4) a brief description of the nature of the proposed work. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2026.**

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** SHA can implement the bill’s changes using existing budgeted resources. Revenues are not affected.

**Local Effect:** Local governments that apply for a permit from SHA can provide the required notice using existing budgeted resources. Revenues are not affected.

**Small Business Effect:** Minimal.

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Analysis

**Current Law:** SHA must construct, reconstruct, and repair State highways as necessary and maintain them in good condition. Unless a person has a permit from SHA, a person may not:

- make an opening in any State highway;

- place any structure on any State highway;
- change or renew any structure placed on any State highway;
- dig up any State highway for any purpose, including the placement of pipes, sewer, poles, wires, or rails;
- plant or remove any tree on any State highway; or
- place any obstruction or improvement on any State highway.

If any such work is permitted by SHA, the work must be performed to the satisfaction of SHA and under its supervision. The person to whom the permit is issued or by whom the work is done must pay the cost of replacing the highway in as good a condition as before the work was done.

When considering the approval of a permit, SHA categorizes a proposed project into one of [three project categories](#) based on the anticipated impact to the State highway. A Type 1 project involves minimal construction within the State's right-of-way and may include elements such as entrance improvements and/or minor intersection mitigation. A Type 2 project is similar in scope to a Type 1 project but may include more complex or involved elements, such as additional through-lanes, roadway lighting, and/or traffic signal installation. A Type 3 project involves significant roadway reconstruction and/or new roadway alignment that directly impacts the interstate system and may include elements such as access breaks, median breaks, and/or noise walls.

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### **Additional Information**

**Recent Prior Introductions:** Similar legislation has not been introduced within the last three years.

**Designated Cross File:** None.

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