

HOUSE BILL 132

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By: **Delegates W. Miller and Bates**

Introduced and read first time: January 23, 2012

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Highway Administration – Roundabouts – Displaying Flag of the**
3 **United States**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Highway Administration to establish a permit
5 program allowing individuals and organizations to display a United States flag
6 on State-owned circular islands at the center of a traffic roundabout;
7 authorizing the Administration to charge a permit fee to offset certain costs;
8 requiring the Administration to adopt certain regulations, including certain
9 safety guidelines; and generally relating to authority to display a United States
10 flag on State-owned circular islands at the center of a traffic roundabout.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article – Transportation
13 Section 8–652
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

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

18 **Article – Transportation**

19 8–652.

20 **(A)** The following flags shall be flown year round at each rest area, welcome
21 center, and exhibit center within interstate and State highway rights-of-way:

22 (1) The flag of the United States;

23 (2) The State flag; and

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (3) The POW/MIA Flag of the National League of Families of
2 American Prisoners and Missing in Southeast Asia.

3 **(B) (1) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ESTABLISH A PERMIT**
4 **PROGRAM ALLOWING INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS TO DISPLAY THE FLAG**
5 **OF THE UNITED STATES ON STATE-OWNED CIRCULAR ISLANDS AT THE CENTER**
6 **OF A TRAFFIC ROUNDABOUT.**

7 **(2) THE ADMINISTRATION:**

8 **(I) MAY CHARGE A PERMIT FEE TO OFFSET THE COSTS OF**
9 **IMPLEMENTING THE PERMIT PROGRAM UNDER THIS SUBSECTION; AND**

10 **(II) SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THIS**
11 **SUBSECTION, INCLUDING SAFETY GUIDELINES FOR HOLDERS OF PERMITS**
12 **ISSUED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION.**

13 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
14 October 1, 2012.