

Chapter 53

(House Bill 466)

AN ACT concerning

~~State Highway Administration~~ Transportation – Dedication of Structures – ~~Gold Star Families~~  
(Hero’s Highway Act)

FOR the purpose of requiring the ~~State Highway Administration~~ Department of Transportation to establish a process by which ~~a member of the General Assembly~~ certain persons may request, ~~on behalf of a United States Department of Defense Gold Star recipient,~~ that the ~~Administration~~ Department dedicate a bridge or other appropriate structure to ~~the recipient’s spouse, child, or other relative whose life was lost in combat~~ a certain member of the armed forces or a certain emergency responder; and generally relating to ~~State highways~~ the dedication of State highways.

BY adding to  
Article – Transportation  
Section 8–656  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2008 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

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

**Article – Transportation**

**8–656.**

~~THE ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT SHALL ESTABLISH A PROCESS BY WHICH A MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, ANOTHER ELECTED OFFICIAL, OR ANY MEMBER OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC MAY REQUEST, ON BEHALF OF A RECIPIENT OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE GOLD STAR FOR SURVIVING SPOUSES, PARENTS, AND NEXT OF KIN OF MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES WHO LOST THEIR LIVES IN COMBAT, THAT THE ADMINISTRATION DEDICATE A BRIDGE OR ANOTHER APPROPRIATE STRUCTURE UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE ADMINISTRATION TO THE RECIPIENT’S SPOUSE, CHILD, OR OTHER RELATIVE WHOSE LIFE WAS LOST IN COMBAT~~ THAT THE DEPARTMENT DEDICATE A BRIDGE OR ANOTHER APPROPRIATE TRANSPORTATION STRUCTURE UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE DEPARTMENT TO:

(1) A DECEASED MEMBER OF THE ARMED FORCES WHOSE SURVIVING SPOUSE, PARENT, OR NEXT OF KIN IS A RECIPIENT OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF

**DEFENSE GOLD STAR MEMORIALIZING THAT THE MEMBER WAS KILLED IN ACTION;  
OR**

**(2) A FIREFIGHTER, LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, OR ANOTHER  
EMERGENCY RESPONDER WHO DIED IN THE LINE OF DUTY.**

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2015.

**Approved by the Governor, April 14, 2015.**