

(b) (1)] (A) On request of any local authority, the State Highway Administration shall investigate and, on its own initiative, it may investigate any bridge or other elevated structure that is a part of a highway.

[(2)] (B) If it determines that the structure cannot safely withstand the weight of vehicles traveling at the maximum speed limit otherwise permitted by this subtitle, the State Highway Administration shall:

[(i)] (1) Establish the maximum speed limit that the structure can safely withstand; and

[(ii)] (2) At each approach to the structure, place or permit the placement of a suitable sign stating the maximum speed limit.

[(3)] (C) A maximum speed limit established under this section is effective when posted on appropriate signs giving notice of the limit.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2004.

Approved April 27, 2004.

CHAPTER 151

(House Bill 95)

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Horse Industry Board - Penalties

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Maryland Horse Industry Board, rather than pursuing criminal penalties, to impose a certain administrative penalty on any person who violates the Board's regulatory requirements; certain laws executed and enforced by the Board; requiring certain penalties to be paid into the General Fund of the State; requiring the Board to adopt certain regulations; and generally relating to the enforcement authority of the Maryland Horse Industry Board.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Agriculture

Section 2-718

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1999 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

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