

## CHAPTER 685

(House Bill 730)

AN ACT to add new Section 24A to Article 89B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Replacement Volume), title "State Roads," subtitle "In General," to follow immediately after Section 24 thereof, to provide that the State Roads Commission shall include in its bid requirements a provision whereby utility sleeves shall be installed under new State roads at intersections and other areas in Howard County, such areas to be designated by Howard County and the cost of the sleeves to be paid by Howard County.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That new Section 24A be and it is hereby added to Article 89B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Replacement Volume), title "State Roads," subtitle "In General," to follow immediately after Section 24 thereof, and to read as follows:

## 24A.

(a) *The State Roads Commission of Maryland shall include in its specifications for new highways at intersections of existing highways, and at other intervals which conform particularly to Howard County's population growth plans, utility sleeves which will be large enough in size to accommodate water mains, gas mains, electric lines, telephone cables, and all other utilities that may be requested by the governing body of Howard County, and, where possible, to fit the growth pattern of Howard County. Sizes of the utility sleeves shall be determined by the State Roads Commission and the governing body of Howard County.*

(b) *The Commission shall install or have installed a sleeve-type installation consisting of metal or reinforced concrete pipe or other acceptable building material from right-of-way to right-of-way in order to eliminate the possibility of boring and jacking under the Commission's existing roadway, thereby eliminating the extra cost of utility line installation contracts to be let in the future. Such sleeves constructed for the future shall be bricked over at both ends and properly marked by either the Commission or the proper county agency.*

(c) *Howard County shall reimburse the Commission for the cost of the utility sleeve SLEEVES WHICH ARE INSTALLED BY THE COMMISSION. Utility companies shall be assessed by the county's governing body for their share of the use of such utility sleeves and such utility companies shall pay their share of the use of such utility sleeves. This section is not to be construed that the private utility companies must use said sleeves but shall do so at their discretion.*

(d) *The governing bodies of Howard County and the Commission shall jointly cooperate in the exchange of plans and shall fully cooperate with each and every agency affected by this section.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1966.

Approved May 6, 1966.

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