

FOR the purpose of authorizing a property owner whose property abuts certain State highways to petition the State Highway Administration (SHA) to sell a right of access; requiring the SHA to take specified actions in response to a petition within prescribed times; establishing a State Highway Access ~~Access~~ Appeals Valuation Board to review certain decisions of the SHA; providing for the composition of the Board and requiring SHA to provide staff support to the Board; authorizing certain persons to appeal certain ~~access~~ decisions to the Board; requiring the Board to take certain actions in relation to the appeal; specifying certain substantive and procedural requirements; providing that certain decisions of the Board are binding on the SHA, but subject to approval of the Board of Public Works; and generally relating to a process under which certain property owners may seek a right of access to State highways.

BY adding to

Article - Transportation

Section 8-310

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1993 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

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

**Article - Transportation**

8-310.

(A) IN THIS SECTION, "BOARD" MEANS THE STATE HIGHWAY ACCESS ~~ACCESS~~ APPEALS VALUATION BOARD.

(B) (1) THE SECRETARY SHALL ESTABLISH A STATE HIGHWAY ACCESS APPEALS VALUATION BOARD IN THE ADMINISTRATION.

(2) THE BOARD SHALL CONSIST OF:

(I) THE ADMINISTRATOR OR THE ADMINISTRATOR'S DESIGNEE;

(II) THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF PLANNING OR THE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE; AND

(III) THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OR THE SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE.

(3) THE ADMINISTRATOR OR THE ADMINISTRATOR'S DESIGNEE SHALL SERVE AS CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD.

(4) THE BOARD SHALL DETERMINE THE TIMES AND LOCATIONS OF ITS MEETINGS AND SHALL CONDUCT BUSINESS IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED BY THE BOARD.

(5) A MEMBER OF THE BOARD: