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**County Council of Howard County, Maryland**

2010 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 13

**Bill No. 57 -2022**

Introduced by: Christiana Rigby

AN ACT requiring the Department of Police to notify the Office of Transportation and the Director of Public Works of certain fatalities and specified serious injuries; requiring the Director of Public Works, or the Director's designee, to conduct an infrastructure review when certain fatalities and specified serious injuries occur on a road or at an intersection; requiring consultation with the Office of Transportation; requiring the review to be complete within a certain time; requiring the review to be sent to specified recipients and published on the County website; and generally relating to traffic fatalities in the County.

Introduced and read first time Sept 6, 2022. Ordered posted and hearing scheduled.  
 By order Michelle Harrod  
 Michelle Harrod, Administrator

Having been posted and notice of time & place of hearing & title of Bill having been published according to Charter, the Bill was read for a second time at a public hearing on Sept 19, 2022.  
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 Michelle Harrod, Administrator

This Bill was read the third time on Oct 3, 2022 and Passed ✓, Passed with amendments ✓, Failed \_\_\_\_\_.  
 By order Michelle Harrod  
 Michelle Harrod, Administrator

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this 4 day of Oct, 2022 at 2 a.m./p.m.  
 By order Michelle Harrod  
 Michelle Harrod, Administrator

Approved by the County Executive October 13, 2022  
Calvin Ball  
 Calvin Ball, County Executive

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*CB57 passed with 2/3 vote on October 3, 2022 MBH*

1 *Section 1. Be It Enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, that the Howard*  
2 *County Code is amended as follows:*

3 *By amending:*

4 *Title 17 – Public protection services.*

5 *Subtitle 2 – Police.*

6 *Section 17.200A(d). Duties and Responsibilities.*

7 *Title 21 - Traffic control and transportation.*

8 *Subtitle 3 - Traffic*

9 *Section 21.300. Duties of the Department of Public Works.*

10 *By adding:*

11 *Title 21 - Traffic control and transportation.*

12 *Subtitle 3 - Traffic*

13 *Section 21.316. Traffic Fatalities – Infrastructure Review.*

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16 **Title 17 – Public Protection Services.**

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18 **Sec. 17.200A. Department of Police.**

19 (d) Duties and Responsibilities.

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  - 9 (iv) Serve as the message and dispatch center for County Departments  
10 and Agencies after normal business hours.

- 11 (5) Other duties and responsibilities. The Department of Police ~~[[shall]]~~:
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13 AND THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS OF EACH TRAFFIC FATALITY  
14 OR SERIOUS INJURY THAT OCCURS AS A RESULT OF AN INCIDENT:
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- 18 (II) SHALL perform such other functions as may be prescribed by directive  
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8 means to improve traffic conditions; [[and]]
- 9 (6) CONDUCT INFRASTRUCTURE REVIEWS OF FATALITIES AND SERIOUS INJURIES  
10 AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 21.316 OF THIS SUBTITLE; AND
- 11 ~~[[6]]~~ (7) Carry out the additional powers and duties imposed by law.

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13 **SEC 21.316. TRAFFIC FATALITIES – INFRASTRUCTURE REVIEW.**

14 (A) *PURPOSE.*

15 TO CONSIDER FUTURE IMPROVEMENTS TO TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE IN  
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20 (B) *IN GENERAL.*

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6 (11) IMPROVING LIGHTING; AND  
7 (12) ADDING RIGHT TURN ON RED RESTRICTIONS FOR MOTOR VEHICLES.

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9 (E) *DEADLINE; PUBLICATION.*

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13 (2) SEND THE REVIEW TO THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND, SUBJECT TO SECTION  
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15 (3) SEND THE REVIEW TO THE OFFICE OF TRANSPORTATION SO AS TO INFORM THE  
16 PERFORMANCE MEASURES OF THE HOWARD COUNTY COMPLETE STREETS POLICY; AND

17 (4) PUBLISH THE REVIEW ON THE COUNTY WEBSITE.

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19 *Section 2. And Be It Further Enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland that*  
20 *this Act shall become effective ~~61 days after its enactment~~ January 1, 2023.*

**Amendment 1 to Council Bill No. 57-2022**

**BY: Liz Walsh**

**Legislative Day 14**

**Date: October 3, 2022**

**Amendment No. 1**

*(This amendment adds serious injuries to the scope of the bill and clarifies that the bill applies to fatalities and serious injuries that occur because of a roadway incident involving a motor vehicle, motorcycle, bicycle, or pedestrian.)*

1 On the title page, in the second and third lines of the purpose paragraph, after “fatalities”, in each  
2 instance, insert “or serious injuries”; and in the last line of the purpose paragraph, after  
3 “fatalities”, insert “and serious injuries”.

4 On the title page, in the first line of the purpose paragraph, after “notify the”, insert “Office of  
5 Transportation and the”.

6 On page 1, in line 13, after “Fatalities”, insert “or Serious Injuries”.

7 On page 2:

- 8 • in line 12, after “NOTIFY THE”, insert “OFFICE OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE”.  
9 • in line 13, after “FATALITY”, insert “OR SERIOUS INJURY”.  
10 • in line 14, after “INCIDENT”, insert “ON A ROADWAY INVOLVING A MOTOR VEHICLE,  
11 MOTORCYCLE, BICYCLE, OR PEDESTRIAN”.

12 On page 3:

- 13 • in line 9, after “OF”, insert “ROADWAY INCIDENTS INVOLVING A MOTOR VEHICLE,  
14 MOTORCYCLE, BICYCLE, OR PEDESTRIAN”.  
15 • in line 9, after “FATALITIES”, insert “AND SERIOUS INJURIES”.  
16 • in line 13, after “FATALITIES”, insert “OR SERIOUS INJURIES”.

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**passed on** October 3, 2022

Michelle Howard  
**Council Administrator**

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- 1       • in line 17, after “INCIDENTS”, insert “INVOLVING A MOTOR VEHICLE, MOTORCYCLE,  
2       BICYCLE, OR PEDESTRIAN”.
- 3       • in line 17, after “FATALITIES”, insert “OR SERIOUS INJURIES”.
- 4       • strike lines 20 and 21 in their entirety and substitute:
- 5       “(1) IN THIS SUBSECTION:
- 6               (i) “COUNTY ROAD” HAS THE MEANING PROVIDED IN SECTION 18.207 OF THE  
7       COUNTY CODE; AND
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9       INJURY IN THE MOST RECENT EDITION OF THE MODEL MINIMUM UNIFORM CRASH  
10       CRITERIA PUBLISHED BY THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION.”.
- 11       • in lines 23 and 27, after “FATALITY”, in each instance, insert “OR SERIOUS INJURY”.
- 12       • in line 23, after “INCIDENT”, insert “INVOLVING A MOTOR VEHICLE, MOTORCYCLE,  
13       BICYCLE, OR PEDESTRIAN”.
- 14       On page 4, in line 18, strike “CRASHES” and substitute “ROADWAY INCIDENTS”.
- 15       On page 5, in line 6, after “FATALITY”, insert “OR SERIOUS INJURY”.



Amendment 1 Amendment 1 to Council Bill No. 57-2022

BY: Liz Walsh

Legislative Day No. 14

Date: October 3, 2022

Amendment No. 1

*(This Amendment requires the Department of Police to also notify the Office of Transportation of certain fatalities and serious injuries.)*

1 On page 1, in line 3, append: "On the title page, in the first line of the purpose paragraph, after  
2 “notify the”, insert “Office of Transportation and the”.

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4 Also on page 1, before line 6, insert: “ • in line 12, after “NOTIFY THE”, insert “OFFICE OF  
5 TRANSPORTATION AND THE”.”

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Michelle Barrett  
**Council Administrator**

**Amendment 2 to Council Bill No. 57-2022**

**BY: Christiana Rigby**

**Legislative Day No. 14**

**Date: October 3, 2022**

**Amendment No. 2**

*(This Amendment requires the Department of Police to also notify the Office of Transportation of certain fatalities and serious injuries.)*

1 On the title page, in the first line of the purpose paragraph, after “notify the”, insert “Office of  
2 Transportation and the”. In the second and third lines of the purpose paragraph, after “fatalities”  
3 insert “and specified serious injuries” in each instance.

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5 On page 2:

- 6 • in line 12, after “NOTIFY THE”, insert “OFFICE OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE”.
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- 11 • in line 17, after “FATALITIES” insert “OR SERIOUS INJURIES”.
- 12 • in line 20, after “subsection” strike the comma and substitute “: (i)”.
- 13 • in line 21, strike the final period and substitute “; AND”.
- 14 • after line 21, insert “(i) ‘SERIOUS INJURY’ HAS THE MEANING PROVIDED FOR SUSPECTED  
15 SERIOUS INJURY IN THE MOST RECENT EDITION OF THE MODEL MINIMUM UNIFORM CRASH  
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- 17 • in line 23, after “FATALITY” insert “OR NON-MOTORIST SERIOUS INJURY”.
- 18 • in line 27, strike “FATALITY” substitute “INCIDENT”.

19 On page 4,

- 20 • in line 3, strike “CRASH” and substitute “INCIDENT”.

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Council Administrator

1 • in line 18, strike “CRASHES” and substitute “ROADWAY INCIDENTS”.

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**Amendment 1 Amendment 2 to Council Bill No. 57-2022**

**BY: Christiana Rigby**

**Legislative Day No. 14**

**Date: October 3, 2022**

**Amendment No. 1**

*(This Amendment substitutes references to certain incidents for "crashes".)*

1 Insert at line 19:

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3 "On page 4,

4 • in line 3, strike "CRASH" and substitute "INCIDENT",

5 • in line 18, strike "CRASHES" and substitute "ROADWAY INCIDENTS"."

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Michelle Howard  
**Council Administrator**

Amendment 3 to Council Bill No. 57-2022

BY: Christiana Rigby

Legislative Day No. 14

Date: October 3, 2022

Amendment No. 3

*(This Amendment specifies that implementation will begin on January 1, 2023.)*

- 1 On page 5, in line 14, strike "61 days after its enactment" and substitute "January 1, 2023".

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Michelle Howard  
**Council Administrator**

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5 On page 2:

- 6 • in line 13, after “FATALITY”, insert “OR SERIOUS INJURY”.
- 7 • in line 14, after “INCIDENT”, insert “ON A ROADWAY INVOLVING A MOTOR VEHICLE,  
8 MOTORCYCLE, BICYCLE, OR PEDESTRIAN”.

9 On page 3:

- 10 • in line 9, after “OF”, insert “ROADWAY INCIDENTS INVOLVING A MOTOR VEHICLE,  
11 MOTORCYCLE, BICYCLE, OR PEDESTRIAN”.
- 12 • in line 9, after “FATALITIES”, insert “AND SERIOUS INJURIES”.
- 13 • in line 13, after “FATALITIES”, insert “OR SERIOUS INJURIES”.
- 14 • in line 17, after “INCIDENTS”, insert “INVOLVING A MOTOR VEHICLE, MOTORCYCLE,  
15 BICYCLE, OR PEDESTRIAN”.

- 1 • in line 17, after “FATALITIES”, insert “OR SERIOUS INJURIES”
- 2 • strike lines 20 and 21 in their entirety and substitute:

3 “(1) IN THIS SUBSECTION:

4 (I) “COUNTY ROAD” HAS THE MEANING PROVIDED IN SECTION 18.207 OF THE  
5 COUNTY CODE; AND

6 (II) “SERIOUS INJURY” HAS THE MEANING PROVIDED FOR SUSPECTED SERIOUS  
7 INJURY IN THE MOST RECENT EDITION OF THE MODEL MINIMUM UNIFORM CRASH  
8 CRITERIA PUBLISHED BY THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION.”.

- 9 • in lines 23 and 27, after “FATALITY”, in each instance, insert “OR SERIOUS INJURY”.
- 10 • in line 23, after “INCIDENT”, insert “INVOLVING A MOTOR VEHICLE, MOTORCYCLE,  
11 BICYCLE, OR PEDESTRIAN”.

12 On page 4, in line 18, strike “CRASHES” and substitute “ROADWAY INCIDENTS”.

13 On page 5, in line 6, after “FATALITY”, insert “OR SERIOUS INJURY”.

Amendment 2 to Council Bill No. 57-2022

BY: Christiana Rigby

Legislative Day No. 14

Date: October 3, 2022

Amendment No. 1

*(This Amendment requires the Department of Police to also notify the Office of Transportation of certain fatalities and serious injuries.)*

1 On the title page, in the first line of the purpose paragraph, after “notify the”, insert “Office of  
2 Transportation and the”. In the second and third lines of the purpose paragraph, after “fatalities”  
3 insert “and specified serious injuries” in each instance.

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5 On page 2:

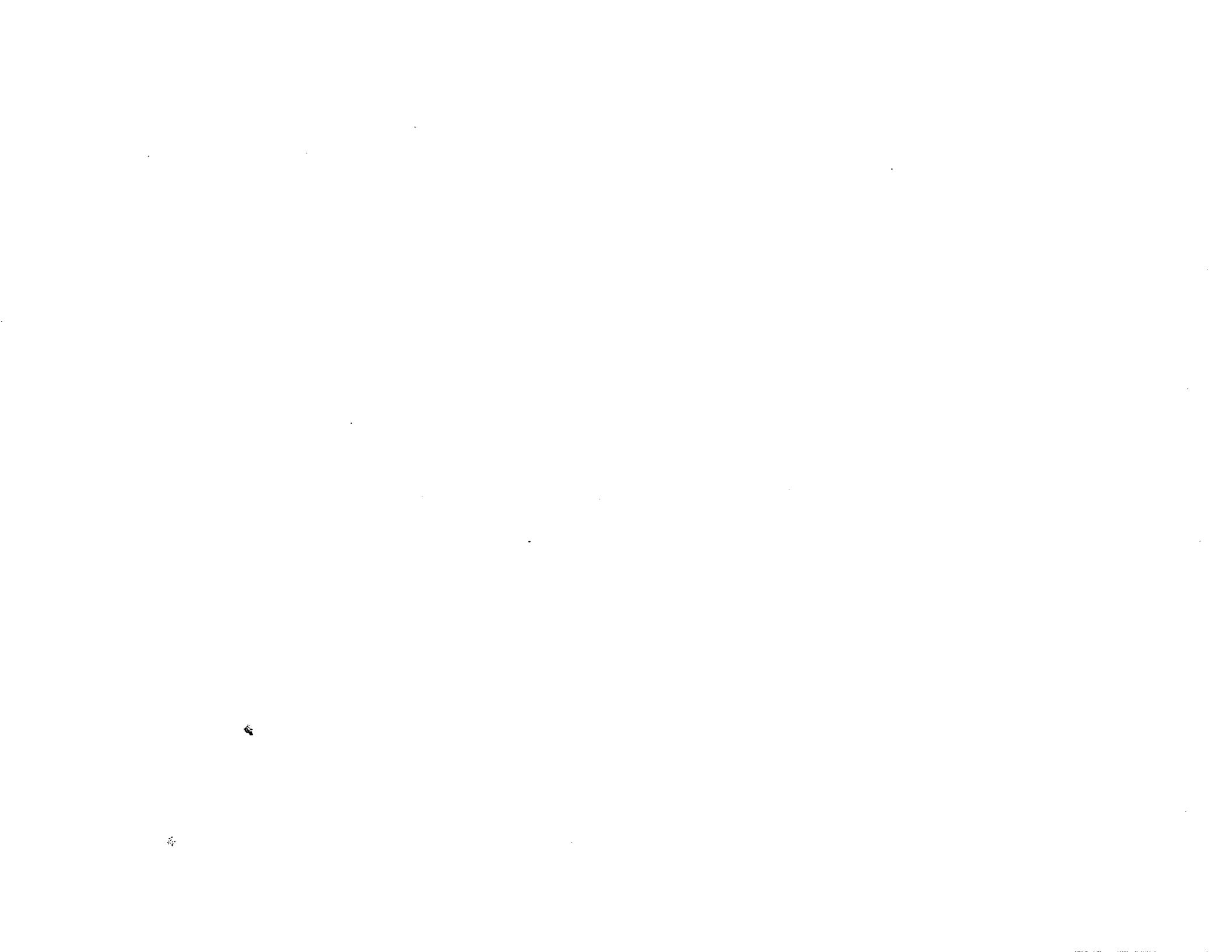
- 6 • in line 12, after “NOTIFY THE”, insert “OFFICE OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE”.
- 7 • in line 13, after “FATALITY” insert “OR SERIOUS INJURY”.

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9 On page 3

- 10 • in line 9, after “FATALITIES” insert “AND SERIOUS INJURIES”.
- 11 • in line 17, after “FATALITIES” insert “OR SERIOUS INJURIES”.
- 12 • in line 20, after “subsection” strike the comma and substitute “: (I)”.
- 13 • in line 21, strike the final period and substitute “; AND”.
- 14 • after line 21, insert “(II) “SERIOUS INJURY” HAS THE MEANING PROVIDED FOR SUSPECTED  
15 SERIOUS INJURY IN THE MOST RECENT EDITION OF THE MODEL MINIMUM UNIFORM CRASH  
16 CRITERIA PUBLISHED BY THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION.”.
- 17 • in line 23, after “FATALITY” insert “OR NON-MOTORIST SERIOUS INJURY”.
- 18 • in line 27, strike “FATALITY” substitute “INCIDENT”.

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20 On page 5, in line 6, after “FATALITY” insert “OR SERIOUS INJURY”.

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BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having been approved by the Executive and returned to the Council, stands enacted on October 13, 2022.

Michelle Harrod  
Michelle Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having been passed by the yeas and nays of two-thirds of the members of the Council notwithstanding the objections of the Executive, stands enacted on \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Michelle Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having received neither the approval nor the disapproval of the Executive within ten days of its presentation, stands enacted on \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Michelle Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, not having been considered on final reading within the time required by Charter, stands failed for want of consideration on \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

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Michelle Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having been disapproved by the Executive and having failed on passage upon consideration by the Council stands failed on \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Michelle Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, the withdrawal of which received a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Council, is withdrawn from further consideration on \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

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Michelle Harrod, Administrator to the County Council