

HB1599/740710/1

BY: Environmental Matters Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 1599
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, strike beginning with “prohibiting” in line 14 down through “circumstances;” in line 16; in line 31, after “County;” insert “requiring the County Commissioners to perform and complete a certain assessment before closing a certain bridge in Washington County; requiring the County Commissioners, in performing a certain assessment, to hold a public hearing and analyze certain alternatives; requiring the County Commissioners to submit a certain report to the Washington County legislative delegation; authorizing the County Commissioners to close a certain bridge under certain circumstances; providing for the termination of certain provisions of this Act;”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 16, after line 6, insert:

“SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) In this section, “County Commissioners” means the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County.

(b) (1) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, the County Commissioners may not close for repairs the Funkstown Bridge #2 on East Oak Ridge Drive in Washington County until the County Commissioners perform and complete an assessment of the economic impact of the closing of the bridge on the residents and local businesses of Washington County.

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(2) In performing the assessment of the closing of the Funkstown Bridge #2 as provided in paragraph (1) of this subsection, the County Commissioners shall:

(i) analyze various alternative traffic patterns if the Funkstown Bridge #2 were to be closed;

(ii) analyze various structural alternatives to closing the Funkstown Bridge #2; and

(iii) hold at least one public hearing on the issue of closing the Funkstown Bridge #2.

(3) Within 14 days of completing the assessment described in paragraphs (1) and (2) of this section, the County Commissioners shall submit their findings to the Washington County legislative delegation.

(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the County Commissioners may close the Funkstown Bridge #2 at any time if the bridge poses an imminent threat to public safety.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 16, in line 7, strike “4.” and substitute “5.”; in line 8, strike “October” and substitute “June”; and in the same line, after the period, insert “Section 4 of this Act shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of May 31, 2009, with no further action required by the General Assembly, Section 4 of this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 13, strike in their entirety lines 18 through 30, inclusive.

On page 14, in lines 1 and 12, strike “(D)” and “(E)”, respectively, and substitute “(C)” and “(D)”, respectively.