
**OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM**

TO: GOVERNOR
FROM: RILEY
SUBJECT: **HB 1442**
DATE 4/10/02
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HB 1442

HB 1442 provides that a railroad company will not be under the duty to make and maintain necessary and suitable private crossing if there is a public crossing within a mile of where the private crossing is requested. HB 1442 does not close any railroad crossings (they are all grand-fathered in). HB 1442 does provide that if the property is landlocked and the only way to get into it is a private crossing, then the railroad has to give the property owner access.

According to Joel Yelverton of the Supervisors Association, the Association requested this bill in order to stop the proliferation of dangerous hump-back private crossings. The Trial Lawyers, Supervisors, Municipal and Railroad associations, as well as MDOT, have all supported this bill.

HB 1442 is effective July 1, 2002.

I recommend that you sign HB 1442.