

# HOUSE BILL 1142

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By: **Delegate Stukes**

Introduced and read first time: February 8, 2013

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Mass Transit – Failure to Vacate Seat Designated for Elderly or Handicapped**  
3 **– Penalty**

4 FOR the purpose of increasing the maximum penalty for failing, in any transit vehicle  
5 or transit facility designed for the boarding of a transit vehicle, to vacate a seat  
6 designated for the elderly or handicapped when requested to do so by a transit  
7 vehicle operator, train conductor, or police officer; and generally relating to  
8 penalties for failure to vacate, under certain circumstances, a seat on a transit  
9 vehicle or in a transit facility designated for the elderly or handicapped.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
11 Article – Transportation  
12 Section 7–705(b)(11)  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

15 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
16 Article – Transportation  
17 Section 7–705(e)  
18 Annotated Code of Maryland  
19 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

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

22 **Article – Transportation**

23 7–705.

24 (b) It is unlawful for any person to engage in any of the following acts in any  
25 transit vehicle or transit facility, designed for the boarding of a transit vehicle, which

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 is owned or controlled by the Administration or a train owned or controlled by the  
2 Administration or operated by a railroad company under contract to the  
3 Administration to provide passenger railroad service:

4 (11) Fail to vacate a seat designated for the elderly or handicapped  
5 when requested to do so by the transit vehicle operator, train conductor, or a police  
6 officer; or

7 (e) (1) Except as provided in **PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION**  
8 **AND** subsection (f) of this section, any person who violates any provision of this section  
9 is guilty of a misdemeanor and is subject to a fine of not more than \$500 for each  
10 offense.

11 (2) **ANY PERSON WHO VIOLATES SUBSECTION (B)(11) OF THIS**  
12 **SECTION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND IS SUBJECT TO A FINE OF NOT**  
13 **MORE THAN \$1,000.**

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
15 October 1, 2013.