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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Transit Administration – Farebox Recovery Rate Increase**

3 FOR the purpose of altering certain requirements for the percentage of operating costs
4 for certain public transit services that must be recovered by the Maryland
5 Transit Administration from certain revenues; and generally relating to certain
6 requirements for recovery of certain operating costs of certain public transit
7 services from certain revenues.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article – Transportation
10 Section 7–208(b)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Transportation**

16 7–208.

17 (b) (1) For fiscal year ~~[2009]~~ **2013** and each fiscal year thereafter, the
18 Administration shall separately recover from fares and other operating revenues at
19 least ~~[35]~~ **50** percent of the total operating costs for:

20 (i) The Administration’s bus, light rail, and Metro subway
21 services in the Baltimore region; and

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (ii) All passenger railroad services under the Administration's
2 control.

3 (2) The Administration shall submit, in accordance with § 2-1246 of
4 the State Government Article, an annual report to the Senate Budget and Taxation
5 Committee, House Ways and Means Committee, and House Appropriations
6 Committee by December 1 of each year that includes:

7 (i) Separate farebox recovery ratios for the prior fiscal year for:

8 1. Bus, light rail, and Metro subway services provided by
9 the Administration in the Baltimore region;

10 2. Commuter bus service provided under contract to the
11 Administration in the Baltimore region; and

12 3. Maryland Area Rail Commuter (MARC) service
13 provided under contract to the Administration;

14 (ii) A discussion of the success or failure to achieve the farebox
15 recovery requirement established in paragraph (1) of this subsection;

16 (iii) Comparisons of farebox recovery ratios for the
17 Administration's mass transit services and other similar transit systems nationwide;
18 and

19 (iv) The estimated fare prices necessary to achieve the farebox
20 recovery requirement established in paragraph (1) of this subsection for the next fiscal
21 year.

22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
23 July 1, 2012.