

# HOUSE BILL 149

R2

7lr0014

---

By: **Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By Request  
– Departmental – Transportation)**

Introduced and read first time: January 18, 2017

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

---

## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Transportation – Light Rail and Metro Subway – State Safety Oversight**  
3 **Authority**

4 FOR the purpose of designating the Office of the Secretary of Transportation as the State  
5 Safety Oversight Authority for the Maryland Transit Administration's light rail  
6 transit system and Metro subway in accordance with federal law; requiring the  
7 deputy secretary of transportation or the deputy secretary's designee to exercise  
8 safety authority over the Administration's light rail transit system and Metro  
9 subway; authorizing the Office of the Secretary to adopt regulations to carry out its  
10 safety oversight authority; and generally relating to the safety oversight of the  
11 Maryland Transit Administration's light rail transit system and Metro subway.

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
13 Article – Transportation  
14 Section 2–102(c)  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

17 BY adding to  
18 Article – Transportation  
19 Section 7–203.1  
20 Annotated Code of Maryland  
21 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

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

24 **Article – Transportation**

25 2–102.

---

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (c) (1) With the approval of the Governor, the Secretary shall appoint a deputy  
2 secretary who has the duties provided by law or delegated by the Secretary.

3 (2) The deputy secretary is the acting secretary during periods when the  
4 Secretary is absent or disabled.

5 (3) The deputy secretary serves at the pleasure of the Secretary and is  
6 entitled to the salary provided in the State budget.

7 (4) The deputy secretary shall serve as acting chairman of the Maryland  
8 Transportation Authority, acting chairman of the Maryland Aviation Commission, and  
9 acting chairman of the Maryland Port Commission during periods when the Secretary is  
10 absent or disabled.

11 **(5) IN ACCORDANCE WITH 49 U.S.C. 5329, THE DEPUTY SECRETARY**  
12 **OR THE DEPUTY SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE SHALL HAVE SAFETY, REGULATORY, AND**  
13 **ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY OVER THE MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION'S**  
14 **LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT SYSTEM AND METRO SUBWAY.**

15 **7-203.1.**

16 **(A) IN ACCORDANCE WITH 49 U.S.C. 5329, THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**  
17 **SHALL SERVE AS THE STATE SAFETY OVERSIGHT AUTHORITY FOR THE MARYLAND**  
18 **TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION'S LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT SYSTEM AND METRO SUBWAY.**

19 **(B) THE MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION'S LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT**  
20 **SYSTEM AND METRO SUBWAY SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE OFFICE OF THE**  
21 **SECRETARY'S RULES, ACTIONS, AND ORDERS.**

22 **(C) THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY**  
23 **OUT THIS SECTION.**

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June  
25 1, 2017.