

HOUSE BILL 15

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HB 1263/14 – ENV

(PRE-FILED)

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By: **Delegate McConkey**

Requested: November 14, 2014

Introduced and read first time: January 14, 2015

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Transportation Authority – Chesapeake Bay Bridge – Toll Collection**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Transportation Authority to implement a
4 procedure at the William Preston Lane, Jr. Memorial Chesapeake Bay Bridge by a
5 certain date that requires that all tolls be paid by a certain electronic means except
6 at a single “cash only” lane that the Authority may provide for the payment of tolls
7 in cash; and generally relating to the collection of tolls for the use of the William
8 Preston Lane, Jr. Memorial Chesapeake Bay Bridge.

9 BY adding to

10 Article – Transportation

11 Section 4–406

12 Annotated Code of Maryland

13 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

14 Preamble

15 WHEREAS, Payment of tolls in cash impedes the flow of traffic across the William
16 Preston Lane, Jr. Memorial Chesapeake Bay Bridge; and

17 WHEREAS, Electronic toll payment allows vehicles to pass through the toll plaza
18 without pausing at a toll booth; now, therefore,

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

21 **Article – Transportation**

22 **4–406.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **BY JULY 1, 2024, THE AUTHORITY SHALL IMPLEMENT A PROCEDURE FOR THE**
2 **PAYMENT OF TOLLS AT THE WILLIAM PRESTON LANE, JR. MEMORIAL CHESAPEAKE**
3 **BAY BRIDGE THAT:**

4 **(1) MAY PROVIDE A SINGLE LANE AT THE TOLL PLAZA WHERE**
5 **MOTORISTS MAY PAY THE TOLL IN CASH, DESIGNATED AS A “CASH ONLY” LANE; AND**

6 **(2) EXCEPT FOR A “CASH ONLY” LANE THAT THE AUTHORITY MAY**
7 **PROVIDE UNDER ITEM (1) OF THIS SECTION, REQUIRES THAT ALL TOLLS BE PAID BY**
8 **AN ELECTRONIC MEANS THAT ALLOWS VEHICLES TO PASS THROUGH THE TOLL**
9 **PLAZA WITHOUT STOPPING AT A TOLL BOOTH.**

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
11 1, 2015.