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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Transportation - Passenger Railroad Service Lines - Station Closures**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting the Maryland Transit Administration from closing
4 certain train stations that have historic or community value or recognition
5 which are located on certain passenger railroad service lines until it holds a
6 public hearing to solicit comments from persons impacted by the proposed
7 closure and considers and gives due regard to the information it receives from
8 the public on the matter; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally
9 relating to the closure of certain stations on certain passenger railroad service
10 lines.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article - Transportation
13 Section 7-902
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

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

18 **Article - Transportation**

19 7-902.

20 (a) The Administration shall continue to operate the following passenger
21 railroad services at levels of service at least equivalent to the level of service
22 established as of July 1, 1981:

23 (1) The CSX line between Brunswick and the District of Columbia;

24 (2) The Amtrak line between Penn Station in Baltimore and the District
25 of Columbia; and

26 (3) The CSX line between Camden Station in Baltimore and the District
27 of Columbia.

1 (b) The Administration shall recover at least 50 percent of total operating
2 costs for all passenger railroad services under its control from fares and operating
3 revenues. Notwithstanding § 7-208 of this title, the Maryland Transit Administration
4 shall calculate for passenger rail services a separate farebox recovery ratio for the
5 administrative purposes of determining a separate cost recovery ratio for each of the
6 aforementioned transit modes from the calculation for mass transit, Metro, and light
7 rail.

8 (C) (1) THIS SUBSECTION APPLIES TO A PASSENGER RAILROAD SERVICE
9 LINE STATION THAT:

10 (I) IS A STATE OR FEDERALLY DESIGNATED HISTORIC LANDMARK
11 TRAIN STATION; OR

12 (II) HAS BEEN DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT OR THE
13 COUNTY GOVERNING BODY IN THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE STATION IS LOCATED TO
14 BE OF COMMUNITY VALUE.

15 (2) THE ADMINISTRATION MAY NOT CLOSE A PASSENGER RAILROAD
16 SERVICE LINE STATION UNTIL THE ADMINISTRATION:

17 (I) HOLDS A PUBLIC HEARING TO SOLICIT COMMENTS FROM
18 PERSONS IMPACTED BY THE PROPOSED CLOSURE; AND

19 (II) CONSIDERS AND GIVES DUE REGARD TO THE INFORMATION IT
20 RECEIVES FROM THE PUBLIC ON THE MATTER.

21 [(c)] (D) The Administration shall adopt regulations to facilitate the
22 transportation of bicycles on board passenger railroad services.

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency
24 measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety,
25 has been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members
26 elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from
27 the date it is enacted.