

# SENATE BILL 15

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By: **Senator Young**

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Assigned to: Finance

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Transportation Authority – Tolls – U.S. Route 15**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Transportation Authority to seek to  
4 execute a memorandum of understanding with the Federal Highway  
5 Administration stating that the Authority may collect tolls on U.S. Route 15 in  
6 a certain manner and use the toll revenue to finance certain improvements to  
7 U.S. Route 15; requiring the Authority to submit a report including certain  
8 information to the Governor and the General Assembly if the Authority  
9 determines that a memorandum of understanding that satisfies certain  
10 requirements cannot be executed; requiring the Authority to implement a  
11 memorandum of understanding that satisfies certain requirements as soon as  
12 practicable; and generally relating to the collection of tolls to finance certain  
13 improvements to U.S. Route 15.

14 BY adding to

15 Article – Transportation  
16 Section 4–322  
17 Annotated Code of Maryland  
18 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

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

21 **Article – Transportation**

22 **4–322.**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           **(A) THE AUTHORITY SHALL SEEK TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF**  
2 **UNDERSTANDING WITH THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION STATING**  
3 **THAT THE AUTHORITY MAY:**

4                   **(1) COLLECT TOLLS ON U.S. ROUTE 15 AT A LOCATION NEAR THE**  
5 **BOUNDARY BETWEEN MARYLAND AND PENNSYLVANIA; AND**

6                   **(2) USE THE TOLL REVENUE COLLECTED ON U.S. ROUTE 15 TO**  
7 **FINANCE THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS:**

8                           **(I) CONSTRUCTION OF AN INTERCHANGE AT U.S. ROUTE**  
9 **15 AND MONOCACY BOULEVARD;**

10                           **(II) WIDENING OF U.S. ROUTE 15 TO THREE LANES IN EACH**  
11 **DIRECTION THROUGH THE CITY OF FREDERICK; AND**

12                           **(III) CONSTRUCTION OF INTERCHANGES, OVERPASSES, AND**  
13 **UNDERPASSES TO ELIMINATE AT-GRADE INTERSECTIONS ON U.S. ROUTE 15**  
14 **BETWEEN MONOCACY BOULEVARD AND THE BOUNDARY BETWEEN MARYLAND**  
15 **AND PENNSYLVANIA.**

16           **(B) IF THE AUTHORITY DETERMINES, AFTER CONSULTATIONS WITH**  
17 **THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION, THAT A MEMORANDUM OF**  
18 **UNDERSTANDING THAT SATISFIES THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION (A) OF**  
19 **THIS SECTION CANNOT BE EXECUTED, THE AUTHORITY SHALL, IN ACCORDANCE**  
20 **WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, SUBMIT A REPORT TO**  
21 **THE GOVERNOR AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WITHIN 15 DAYS THAT:**

22                   **(1) DESCRIBES THE SPECIFIC ISSUES THAT PREVENTED THE**  
23 **AUTHORITY FROM EXECUTING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING THAT**  
24 **SATISFIES THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION; AND**

25                   **(2) PROVIDES ANY RECOMMENDATIONS THE AUTHORITY HAS**  
26 **REGARDING HOW THE AUTHORITY CAN, TO THE GREATEST EXTENT FEASIBLE,**  
27 **TAKE THOSE ACTIONS SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (A)(1) AND (2) OF THIS**  
28 **SECTION WHILE COMPLYING WITH FEDERAL LAWS AND REGULATIONS.**

29           **(C) IF THE AUTHORITY EXECUTES A MEMORANDUM OF**  
30 **UNDERSTANDING THAT SATISFIES THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION (A) OF**  
31 **THIS SECTION, THE AUTHORITY SHALL IMPLEMENT THE AGREEMENT AS SOON**  
32 **AS PRACTICABLE.**

33           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
34 June 1, 2013.