

Chapter 238

(House Bill 300)

AN ACT concerning

Department of Transportation – Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Services – Utilization Study

FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Transportation, in cooperation with the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, to study certain matters relating to the utilization of transportation services provided by the Authority with a certain frequency; requiring the Department to collect, analyze, and evaluate certain information; requiring that the information used in the study be gathered from data obtained within a certain period of time, subject to a certain exception; requiring that information used in the study pertaining to Maryland jurisdictions be organized in a certain manner; requiring the Department to submit a certain report to the Governor and certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date with a certain frequency; ~~providing for the termination of this Act~~; and generally relating to a study of the utilization of transportation services provided by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority.

BY adding toArticle – TransportationSection 7-708Annotated Code of Maryland(2008 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

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

Article – Transportation**7-708.**

(A) (1) THE DEPARTMENT, IN COOPERATION WITH THE WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY (WMATA), SHALL CONDUCT A STUDY EVERY 5 YEARS OF THE UTILIZATION OF BUS, RAIL, AND SUBWAY TRANSPORTATION SERVICES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF WMATA.

(2) IN CONDUCTING THE STUDY, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:

~~1.~~ (I) COMPILE AND ANALYZE STATISTICS REGARDING THE STARTING POINTS AND DESTINATIONS, BY JURISDICTION, OF INDIVIDUALS USING WMATA-PROVIDED TRANSPORTATION SERVICES;

~~2.~~ (II) DETERMINE THE MODES OF TRANSPORTATION INDIVIDUALS USE TO CONNECT TO WMATA-PROVIDED TRANSPORTATION SERVICES AND THE MODES OF TRANSPORTATION USED BETWEEN WMATA-PROVIDED TRANSPORTATION SERVICES AND FINAL DESTINATIONS, INCLUDING WALKING, PERSONAL VEHICLE, BUS, AND MARYLAND AREA ~~RAIL~~ REGIONAL COMMUTER (MARC) TRAIN;

~~3.~~ (III) COMPILE AND ANALYZE DATA ON THE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS WHO USE METRORAIL, METROBUS, AND METROACCESS AND THE FREQUENCY OF USE; AND

~~4.~~ (IV) STUDY AND COMPARE THE VARIOUS REASONS INDIVIDUALS USE WMATA-PROVIDED TRANSPORTATION SERVICES, INCLUDING TRAVELING FOR WORK, EDUCATIONAL, ENTERTAINMENT, RECREATIONAL, OR OTHER PURPOSES.

(3) (I) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE INFORMATION USED IN THE STUDY SHALL BE FROM DATA GATHERED WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 5 YEARS.

(II) IN CONDUCTING THE FIRST STUDY, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL COMPILE AND ANALYZE THE INFORMATION PERTAINING TO WMATA-PROVIDED TRANSPORTATION SERVICES LISTED UNDER PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION THAT IS AVAILABLE AT THE TIME.

(4) (I) INFORMATION USED IN THE STUDY PERTAINING TO MARYLAND JURISDICTIONS SHALL BE ORGANIZED:

1. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, BY JURISDICTION RATHER THAN BY REGION, INCLUDING SEPARATE INFORMATION FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY AND BALTIMORE CITY; OR

2. BY ZIP CODE.

(II) INFORMATION PERTAINING TO CAROLINE COUNTY, CECIL COUNTY, DORCHESTER COUNTY, KENT COUNTY, QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY, SOMERSET COUNTY, TALBOT COUNTY, WICOMICO COUNTY, AND WORCESTER COUNTY MAY BE COMPILED AND ORGANIZED UNDER THE CATEGORY "OTHER MARYLAND".

(B) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2015, AND EVERY 5 YEARS THEREAFTER, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT DETAILING THE RESULTS OF THE STUDY CONDUCTED UNDER THIS SECTION TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE

WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE SENATE BUDGET AND TAXATION COMMITTEE, THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE, THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE, AND THE HOUSE ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE.

~~(a) (1) The Department of Transportation, in cooperation with the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA), shall study the utilization of bus, rail, and subway transportation services under the jurisdiction of WMATA.~~

~~(2) In conducting the study, the Department shall:~~

~~(i) compile and analyze statistics regarding the starting points and destinations, by jurisdiction, of individuals using WMATA provided transportation services;~~

~~(ii) determine the modes of transportation individuals use to connect to WMATA provided transportation services and the modes of transportation used between WMATA provided transportation services and final destinations, including walking, personal vehicle, bus, and Maryland Area Rail Commuter (MARC) train;~~

~~(iii) compile and analyze data on the number of individuals who use Metrorail, Metrobus, and MetroAccess and the frequency of use; and~~

~~(iv) study and compare the various reasons individuals use WMATA provided transportation services, including traveling for work, educational, entertainment, recreational, or other purposes.~~

~~(3) The information used in the study shall be from data gathered within the previous 2 years.~~

~~(4) Information used in the study pertaining to Maryland jurisdictions shall be organized by individual jurisdiction rather than by region, including separating information for Baltimore County and Baltimore City.~~

~~(b) On or before December 1, 2015, the Department shall submit a report detailing the results of the study conducted under this Act to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, the Senate Finance Committee, the House Appropriations Committee, and the House Environment and Transportation Committee.~~

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2015. ~~It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of May 31, 2016, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.~~

Approved by the Governor, May 12, 2015.