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

Introduced and read first time: February 1, 2016

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Compact – Board of**
3 **Directors – Appointing Authority for Federal Members**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the U.S. Secretary of Transportation, rather than the
5 Administrator of General Services, to appoint the federal members and alternate
6 federal members for the Board of Directors of the Washington Metropolitan Area
7 Transit Authority; and generally relating to the Washington Metropolitan Area
8 Transit Authority compact.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article – Transportation
11 Section 10–204 Title III Article III Section 5(a)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

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

16 **Article – Transportation**

17 10–204.

18 Title III

19 Article III

20 5.

21 (a) The Authority shall be governed by a Board of eight Directors consisting of
22 two Directors for each signatory and two for the federal government (one of whom shall be

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 a regular passenger and customer of the bus or rail service of the Authority). For Virginia,
2 the Directors shall be appointed by the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission; for
3 the District of Columbia, by the Council of the District of Columbia; for Maryland, by the
4 Washington Suburban Transit Commission; and for the federal government, by the
5 [Administrator of General Services] **U.S. SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION**. For
6 Virginia and Maryland, the Directors shall be appointed from among the members of the
7 appointing body, except as otherwise provided herein, and shall serve for a term coincident
8 with their term on the appointing body. A Director for a signatory may be removed or
9 suspended from office only as provided by the law of the signatory from which he was
10 appointed. The nonfederal appointing authorities shall also appoint an alternate for each
11 Director. In addition, the [Administrator of General Services] **U.S. SECRETARY OF**
12 **TRANSPORTATION** shall also appoint two nonvoting members who shall serve as the
13 alternates for the federal Directors. An alternate Director may act only in the absence of
14 the Director for whom he has been appointed an alternate, except that, in the case of the
15 District of Columbia where only one Director and his alternate are present, such alternate
16 may act on behalf of the absent Director. Each alternate, including the federal nonvoting
17 Directors, shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority. In the event of a vacancy
18 in the Office of Director or alternate, it shall be filled in the same manner as an original
19 appointment.

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
21 1, 2016.