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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Transit Administration – ~~Workgroup to~~ and Baltimore City**
3 **Department of Transportation – Study of Dedicated Bus Lanes in Baltimore**
4 **City**

5 FOR the purpose of ~~establishing the Workgroup to Study Dedicated Bus Lanes in Baltimore~~
6 ~~City; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Workgroup; prohibiting~~
7 ~~a member of the Workgroup from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing~~
8 ~~the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Workgroup~~ Maryland Transit
9 Administration and the Baltimore City Department of Transportation to study and
10 analyze dedicated bus lane enforcement mechanisms in use by certain other transit
11 agencies and develop a certain enforcement plan; requiring the study to include a
12 certain examination of best practices and technologies, a review of certain potential
13 capital and operating costs, and an evaluation of the most effective methods for
14 ensuring compliance with and enforcement of existing law; requiring the
15 Administration and the Department to report ~~its~~ their findings, recommendations,
16 and enforcement plan to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a
17 certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to ~~the~~
18 ~~Workgroup to Study Dedicated Bus Lanes~~ the study of dedicated bus lanes in
19 Baltimore City.

20 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
21 That:

22 (a) ~~There is a Workgroup to Study Dedicated Bus Lanes in Baltimore City.~~

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



- 1 ~~(b) The Workgroup consists of the following members:~~
- 2 ~~(1) the Maryland Transit Administrator, or the Administrator's designee;~~
- 3 ~~(2) the Director of the Baltimore City Department of Transportation, or the~~
4 ~~Director's designee;~~
- 5 ~~(3) one member of the Baltimore City Council, selected by the Baltimore~~
6 ~~City Council;~~
- 7 ~~(4) one representative of the Central Maryland Transportation Alliance,~~
8 ~~selected by the Central Maryland Transportation Alliance;~~
- 9 ~~(5) one representative of Bikemore, selected by Bikemore;~~
- 10 ~~(6) two adult Baltimore City residents who regularly use mass transit,~~
11 ~~selected by the Central Maryland Transportation Alliance; and~~
- 12 ~~(7) one youth Baltimore City resident who regularly uses mass transit,~~
13 ~~selected by the Central Maryland Transportation Alliance.~~
- 14 ~~(e) The Maryland Transit Administrator shall chair the Workgroup.~~
- 15 ~~(d) The Maryland Transit Administration shall provide staff for the Workgroup.~~
- 16 ~~(e) A member of the Workgroup:~~
- 17 ~~(1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Task Force; but~~
- 18 ~~(2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State~~
19 ~~Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.~~
- 20 ~~(f) The Workgroup~~ The Maryland Transit Administration, jointly with the
21 Baltimore City Department of Transportation, shall:
- 22 (1) study and analyze dedicated bus lane enforcement mechanisms used by
23 peer transit agencies in the United States; and
- 24 (2) develop a plan to enforce violations of dedicated bus lanes in Baltimore
25 City.
- 26 ~~(g)~~ (b) The study required under subsection ~~(f)(1)~~ (a)(1) of this section shall
27 include:
- 28 (1) an examination of best practices and technologies that have been
29 effective in reducing violations of dedicated bus lanes by unauthorized users;

1 (2) a review of potential capital and operating costs associated with
2 dedicated bus lane enforcement mechanisms; and

3 (3) an evaluation of the most effective methods for ensuring compliance
4 with and enforcement of existing law, including the issuance of fines and exceptions from
5 current prohibitions.

6 ~~(b)~~ (c) On or before December 31, 2019, the ~~Workgroup~~ Maryland Transit
7 Administration and the Baltimore City Department of Transportation shall report ~~its~~ their
8 findings, recommendations, and enforcement plan to the Governor and, in accordance with
9 § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
11 1, 2019. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 1 month and, at the end of June
12 30, 2020, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be
13 abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.