

BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1284

(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike beginning with “Maryland” in line 3 down through “Supplement)” in line 17 and substitute “Secretary of Transportation to authorize certain payments to the Washington Suburban Transit District for the cost of certain new bus and rail service under certain circumstances; providing for the inclusion of certain items in the calculation of certain operating costs under certain circumstances; requiring the Maryland Department of Transportation to provide certain information to the Department of Fiscal Services under certain circumstances; requiring the Maryland Department of Transportation to make a certain report to the General Assembly; stating the intent of the General Assembly that certain exclusions from farebox recovery requirements be approved on a pilot basis; limiting the amount of funds from the Transportation Trust Fund that may be used annually to offset reductions resulting from this Act in the percentage of certain revenues recovered from farebox receipts; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the exemption of the costs of new bus and rail service from certain revenue requirements.”; and in line 20, strike “10-205(b),” and substitute “10-205(a) and (b),”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, strike in their entirety lines 2 through 4, inclusive; and strike in their entirety lines 27 through 39, inclusive, and substitute:

“(II) 1. THE ADMINISTRATION MAY EXEMPT, FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, NEW LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT SERVICE THAT HAS BEEN IN OPERATION FOR LESS THAN 18 MONTHS.

2. SUBJECT TO SUB-SUBPARAGRAPH 3 OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH, THE ADMINISTRATION MAY EXEMPT, FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, NEW MASS TRANSIT BUS SERVICE THAT HAS BEEN IN OPERATION FOR LESS THAN 18 MONTHS.

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3. THE ANNUAL COST OF MASS TRANSIT BUS SERVICE EXEMPTED UNDER SUB-SUBPARAGRAPH 2 OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH MAY NOT EXCEED, AS A PERCENTAGE OF THE TOTAL ANNUAL COST OF MASS TRANSIT BUS SERVICE, 1 PERCENT IN FISCAL YEAR 1997, 2 PERCENT IN FISCAL YEAR 1998, AND 2 PERCENT IN FISCAL YEAR 1999.

(III) THE OPERATING COST OF ALL MASS TRANSIT BUS AND RAIL SERVICES, INCLUDING THOSE EXCLUDED FROM THE FAREBOX RECOVERY CALCULATION, SHALL NOT EXCEED THE LEGISLATIVE BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 4, in line 10, after “3-216(d)” insert “OF THIS ARTICLE”; in line 24, strike “MAY” and substitute “OF THIS SUBTITLE DOES”; in lines 22 and 33, in each instance, strike “2 YEARS” and substitute “18 MONTHS”; and in line 28, strike “MAY BE” and substitute “IS”.

On page 6, in line 2, strike “MAY” and substitute “DOES”; and in line 6, strike “MAY BE” and substitute “IS”.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 6, after line 10, insert:

“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That for the purposes of computing farebox recovery under Section 1 of this Act, the Mass Transit Administration may include as revenue the value of monthly transit passes provided to qualified participants in State-sponsored medical or social service programs.”;

in line 11, strike “2.” and substitute “3.”; in the same line, strike “upon” and substitute “: (a) On”;

in line 14, strike “estimated” and substitute “estimate of the”; in line 15, strike “the projected” and substitute “an estimate of the”; in the same line, after the period, insert “(b)”; in line 18, strike “3.” and substitute “4.”; in line 19, after “that” insert “: (a)”; in line 20, after “basis” insert “; and

(b) on or before December 15, 1998.”;

in the same line, strike “that”; strike beginning with the comma in line 21 down through the comma in line 22; in line 22, strike “trial” and substitute “pilot”; in line 23, strike “by December 15, 1998”;

after line 23, insert:

“SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, no more than \$3.5 million from the Transportation Trust Fund may be used during any year to offset any reduction in the percentage of operating costs recovered from fares and other operating revenues as a result of this Act.”;

in line 26, strike “4.” and substitute “6.”; in line 27, strike “October” and substitute “July”; and in the same line, strike “until June 30, 1999 and” and substitute “for a period of 3 years and.”.