

BY: Senator Amoss

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 685, AS AMENDED

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

Strike the Finance Committee Amendment (SB0685/217949/1) in its entirety.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1 of the bill, in line 7, strike “the cost to purchase the property” and substitute “certain costs”; in the same line, strike “and” and substitute “an examination of certain alternatives, and a determination of”; strike beginning with “requiring” in line 8 down through “funding” in line 9 and substitute “prohibiting the expenditure of funds from the Transportation Trust Fund or any other State source for certain purposes until the Administration has completed the study under this Act and reported its findings to certain committees of the General Assembly for review and comment”; and in line 12, after “date;” insert “providing for the construction of this Act;”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2 of the bill, in line 4, strike “AND”; in line 7, after “EXTENSION” insert “;

(4) ESTIMATING THE TOTAL PROJECT COSTS FOR:

(I) ALL ASPECTS OF DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION, INCLUDING THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF ALL PROPOSED STATIONS AND PARKING AREAS;

(II) THE COMPLETION OF DRAFT AND FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENTS;

(III) PRELIMINARY AND FINAL ENGINEERING; AND

(IV) ALL NECESSARY LIGHT RAIL VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT;

(Over)

(5) ESTIMATING THE PROJECTED RIDERSHIP, OPERATING COSTS, AND LEVEL OF FARES NECESSARY TO GENERATE A FAREBOX RECOVERY LEVEL OF 50% OF NET OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE FUTURE EXTENSION;

(6) DETERMINING THE NECESSITY AND ESTIMATING THE COST OF:

(I) ANCILLARY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS SUCH AS IMPROVEMENTS TO STATE HIGHWAYS OR COUNTY-OWNED ROADS; AND

(II) BUS SERVICES TO AUGMENT THE SERVICE PROVIDED BY THE FUTURE EXTENSION; AND

(7) EXAMINING ALTERNATIVES TO THE FUTURE EXTENSION, INCLUDING ALIGNMENTS COVERING SHORTER DISTANCES”.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, strike in their entirety lines 8 through 10, inclusive, and substitute:

“(C) FUNDS MAY NOT BE EXPENDED FROM THE TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND OR ANY OTHER STATE SOURCE FOR THE FUTURE EXTENSION, INCLUDING ACQUISITION OF RIGHTS-OF-WAY, THE DEVELOPMENT OF DRAFT OR FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENTS, PRELIMINARY OR FINAL ENGINEERING, OR CONSTRUCTION, UNTIL THE ADMINISTRATION:

(1) HAS COMPLETED THE STUDY REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION; AND

(2) HAS SUBMITTED A REPORT OF ITS FINDINGS TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS, THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE, THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE, AND THE SENATE BUDGET AND TAXATION COMMITTEE FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT DURING THE CALENDAR YEAR 2000 SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 2, in line 16, after “and” insert “, in accordance with § 2-1312 of the State Government Article.”; in line 17, after “Assembly” insert “and the Committees of the General

Assembly specified in Section 1 of this Act"; strike beginning with "1998" in line 17 down through "Article," in line 18 and substitute "1999"; after line 18, insert:

"SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act may not be construed as endorsing the proposed light rail extension described in Section 1 of this Act or as authorizing the Mass Transit Administration to take any action with respect to the proposed light rail extension beyond conducting the study required under Section 1 of this Act.";

and in line 19, strike "3." and substitute "4.".