

BY: Appropriations Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 256

(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike “St. Mary’s County” and substitute “Mass Transit Administration”; in line 3, after “Systems” insert “to St. Mary’s County”; strike beginning with “requiring” in line 18 down through “terms;” in line 25 and substitute:

“requiring the Department of Transportation to study the feasibility of preserving and acquiring rights-of-way for a future mass transit extension to St. Mary’s County and to report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly by a certain date; requiring the Department to study and report on certain matters; providing for the effective date of this Act; providing for the abrogation of this Act;”.

On page 2, strike in their entirety lines 5 through 9, inclusive; and in line 11, strike “the Laws of Maryland read as follows”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 4, strike in their entirety lines 1 through 32, inclusive, and substitute:

“(a) The Maryland Department of Transportation shall examine and make recommendations regarding the feasibility of preserving or acquiring the rights-of-way for a future mass transit extension from Hughesville in Charles County to Lexington Park in St. Mary’s County.

(b) The Department shall examine and make recommendations with regard to:

(1) Identifying the property that will be needed for any future extension; and

(2) Estimating the cost for the State to purchase the necessary rights-of-way for the future extension;

(Over)

(c) The Department shall solicit input for the study from:

(1) The St. Mary's County Commissioners;

(2) Utility companies that currently use the old railroad right-of-way; and

(3) Citizens who have been granted property access across the old railroad right-of-way.

(d) The Department shall report its findings and recommendations under this Act to the General Assembly in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article by January 1, 1999.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the General Assembly that the Maryland Department of Transportation utilize existing resources to examine and make recommendations regarding the feasibility of preserving or acquiring rights-of-way in accordance with Section 1 of this Act.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1998. It shall remain effective until December 31, 1998, and at the end of December 31, 1998, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.”