

BY: Budget and Taxation Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 244

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 10, after "terms;" insert "requiring that a certain report be submitted by a certain date;".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 4, after line 8, insert:

"SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Maryland Department of Transportation and Maryland Department of the Environment, in conjunction with the Comptroller's Office, shall jointly assess the success of the employer provided commuter benefits program established under § 2-901 of the Environment Article in helping to achieve compliance with statewide air quality standards, reduce traffic congestion, and increase transit ridership. The Comptroller's Office shall assess the impact of the tax credit program on the General Fund and provide an estimate of the number of employers participating in the program. Subject to § 2-1312 of the State Government Article, a consolidated report of all findings shall be submitted to the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2005. The report shall include all information of value to the General Assembly in determining the effectiveness of the program and whether it is appropriate for the General Fund to be reimbursed by the Transportation Trust Fund for the costs of the program. The information shall include baseline data relative to: (1) employers providing commuter benefits of the type for which a tax credit may be provided; (2) vehicle miles traveled; (3) mass transit ridership; and (4) ozone and carbon monoxide levels in attainment and nonattainment areas. "

and in line 9, strike "2." and substitute "3.".