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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Budget Process - Appropriation to Transportation Trust Fund - Mass**
3 **Transit Support**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Governor, during each regular session of the
5 General Assembly, after passage of the budget bill by at least one house of the
6 General Assembly but before final action on the budget, to submit a
7 supplemental budget proposing a general fund appropriation to the
8 Transportation Trust Fund; stating the intent of the General Assembly that an
9 appropriation under this Act not exceed a certain amount; stating the intent of
10 the General Assembly that, by providing for an appropriation under this Act,
11 additional funds be made available for mass transit capital or operating support
12 and that the Governor direct those funds for that purpose; and generally
13 relating to a general fund appropriation to the Transportation Trust Fund to be
14 used for mass transit support.

15 BY adding to
16 Article - State Finance and Procurement
17 Section 7-211.1
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (1995 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

20 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
21 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

22 **Article - State Finance and Procurement**

23 7-211.1.

24 (A) DURING EACH REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AFTER
25 PASSAGE OF THE BUDGET IN AT LEAST ONE HOUSE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY BUT
26 BEFORE FINAL ACTION BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE BUDGET, THE
27 GOVERNOR MAY SUBMIT A SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET PROPOSING A GENERAL FUND
28 APPROPRIATION TO THE TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND AS PROVIDED IN THIS
29 SECTION.

1 (B) IT IS THE INTENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT AN APPROPRIATION
2 UNDER THIS SECTION MAY NOT EXCEED THE LESSER OF:

3 (1) \$100,000,000; OR

4 (2) THE SUM OF:

5 (I) ANY INCREASE IN THE ESTIMATE OF TOTAL GENERAL FUND
6 REVENUES USED TO SUPPORT THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR THAT RESULTS
7 FROM A REPORT OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE ESTIMATES MADE AFTER THE
8 GOVERNOR'S SUBMISSION OF THE BUDGET TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY BUT
9 BEFORE FINAL ACTION BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE BUDGET; AND

10 (II) THE LESSER OF:

11 1. THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF GENERAL FUND REDUCTIONS IN
12 THE BUDGET, AS PASSED BY AT LEAST ONE HOUSE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,
13 MADE FROM ITEMS THAT ARE SUBJECT TO THE SPENDING AFFORDABILITY
14 LIMITATION RECOMMENDED UNDER § 2-1005 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE;
15 OR

16 2. THE AMOUNT BY WHICH THE BUDGET AS SUBMITTED BY
17 THE GOVERNOR, INCLUDING ANY PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED SUPPLEMENTAL
18 BUDGETS, EXCEEDED THE SPENDING AFFORDABILITY LIMITATION.

19 (C) BY AUTHORIZING AN APPROPRIATION UNDER THIS SECTION, IT IS THE
20 INTENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT ADDITIONAL FUNDS BE MADE AVAILABLE
21 TO THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR MASS TRANSIT CAPITAL
22 OR OPERATING SUPPORT AND THAT THE GOVERNOR DIRECT THOSE FUNDS FOR
23 THAT PURPOSE BY APPROVED BUDGET AMENDMENT AS PROVIDED FOR IN THE
24 ANNUAL BUDGET BILL.

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
26 July 1, 2000.