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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Transportation - Maryland Pedestrian Safety Fund**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Maryland Pedestrian Safety Fund; requiring the
4 Secretary of Transportation to award grants from the Fund to counties,
5 municipalities, and nonprofit organizations; requiring the Secretary to establish
6 certain grant application procedures; authorizing counties, municipalities, and
7 nonprofit organizations to apply for grants from the Fund to be used for certain
8 purposes relating to pedestrian safety; and generally relating to the Maryland
9 Pedestrian Safety Fund.

10 BY adding to
11 Article - Transportation
12 Section 2-607
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (1993 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

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

17 **Article - Transportation**

18 2-607.

19 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "FUND" MEANS THE MARYLAND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY
20 FUND.

21 (B) THERE IS A PEDESTRIAN SAFETY FUND WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT.

22 (C) (1) THE FUND IS A CONTINUING, NONLAPSING FUND THAT IS NOT
23 SUBJECT TO § 7-302 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.

24 (2) THE TREASURER SHALL SEPARATELY HOLD AND THE COMPTROLLER
25 SHALL ACCOUNT FOR THE FUND.

1 (3) THE TREASURER SHALL INVEST THE FUND IN THE SAME MANNER AS
2 OTHER STATE FUNDS AND CREDIT ANY INVESTMENT EARNINGS TO THE FUND.

3 (D) THE FUND CONSISTS OF:

4 (1) MONEYS APPROPRIATED IN THE STATE BUDGET TO THE FUND;

5 (2) EARNINGS FROM THE INVESTMENT OF MONEYS IN THE FUND; AND

6 (3) ANY OTHER MONEYS ACCEPTED FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE FUND
7 FROM ANY GOVERNMENTAL OR PRIVATE SOURCE.

8 (E) (1) THE SECRETARY SHALL AWARD GRANTS FROM THE FUND TO
9 COUNTIES, MUNICIPALITIES, AND NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS TO CARRY OUT THE
10 PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

11 (2) WHEN AWARDING GRANTS FROM THE FUND, THE SECRETARY SHALL
12 CONSIDER ANY MATCHING FUND AN APPLICANT PROPOSES TO PROVIDE.

13 (F) COUNTIES, MUNICIPALITIES, AND NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS MAY
14 APPLY FOR GRANTS FROM THE FUND FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES:

15 (1) TO EDUCATE AUTOMOBILE DRIVERS AND PEDESTRIANS ABOUT
16 METHODS TO INCREASE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY;

17 (2) TO ENHANCE EFFORTS TO ENFORCE STATE AND LOCAL MOTOR
18 VEHICLE LAWS THAT PROTECT THE SAFETY OF PEDESTRIANS; AND

19 (3) TO DESIGN OR REDESIGN INTERSECTIONS TO INCREASE
20 PEDESTRIAN SAFETY AND ACCESS.

21 (G) THE SECRETARY SHALL ESTABLISH PROCEDURES FOR COUNTIES,
22 MUNICIPALITIES, AND NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS TO APPLY FOR GRANTS FROM
23 THE FUND.

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
25 October 1, 2001.