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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

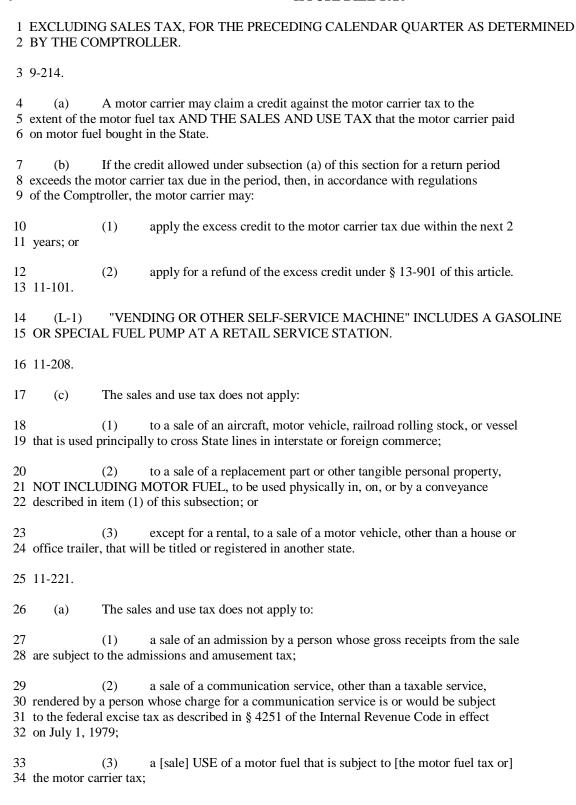
2 **Transportation - Tax Revenues**

3	FOR the	purpose o	of altering th	he distribution	of the income	tax revenue from

- 4 corporations; altering the distribution of the revenue collected from the sales
- 5 and use tax on short-term vehicle rentals; requiring the Comptroller to
- 6 distribute certain sales and use tax collected on the sale of motor fuel to the
- 7 Gasoline and Motor Vehicle Revenue Account of the Transportation Trust Fund;
- 8 repealing an exemption under the sales and use tax for the sale of motor fuel
- that is subject to the motor fuel tax; providing an exemption under the sales and 9
- 10 use tax for certain motor fuel that is exempt from the motor fuel tax; altering
- the rate of the motor carrier tax rate to include a certain per gallon sales and use 11
- 12 tax equivalent rate; altering a credit allowed against the motor carrier tax to
- 13 include certain sales and use tax that the motor carrier paid on motor fuel
- 14 bought in the State; altering certain exemptions under the sales and use tax
- 15 relating to motor fuel; requiring a buyer to pay the sales and use tax on certain
- 16 sales of motor fuel that are exempt from the tax and allowing the buyer to file a
- 17 claim for refund of the tax paid; providing for the prepayment of the sales and
- 18 use tax for motor fuel by a person who is required to pay the motor fuel tax for
- 19 that fuel and for the collection of the amounts prepaid from certain purchasers
- 20 of the motor fuel; requiring certain persons to file certain reports or provide
- certain invoices or other evidence of collection of the prepayment amounts;
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- 22 establishing a certain prepayment rate for a certain period; authorizing the 23 Comptroller to determine certain prepayment rates; altering the taxes that are
- levied and imposed for the purpose of paying, and are pledged to the payment of, 24
- 25 the principal of and interest on certain bonds issued on or after a certain date;
- providing that for certain fiscal years, certain amounts of certain funds of the 26
- 27 Transportation Trust Fund shall be transferred and credited to the general
- 28 funds of the State and available for appropriation from the general funds for
- 29 that fiscal year; altering the composition of the Gasoline and Motor Vehicle
- Revenue Account in the Transportation Trust Fund; and generally relating to 30
- certain taxes and the distribution of certain tax revenues. 31
- 32 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 33 Article - Tax - General
- 34 Section 2-614, 2-1302.1, 2-1303, 9-204, 9-214, 11-208(c), 11-221(a),

- **HOUSE BILL 1020** 1 11-601(b)(3), and 13-901(g) 2 Annotated Code of Maryland 3 (1997 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement) 4 BY adding to 5 Article - Tax - General Section 2-1304, 11-101(1-1), 11-408(d), and 11-409 6 Annotated Code of Maryland 7 8 (1997 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement) 9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments, Article - Tax - General 10 Section 11-301 and 11-405 11 12 Annotated Code of Maryland 13 (1997 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement) 14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article - Transportation 15 16 Section 3-215(b), 3-216(f), and 8-402 17 Annotated Code of Maryland (2001 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement) 18 19 BY adding to Article - Transportation 20 Section 3-215(b-1) 21 Annotated Code of Maryland 22 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement) 23
- SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF 24
- 25 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
- 26 Article - Tax - General
- 27 2-614.
- 28 THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY FOR ANY FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING AFTER (A)
- 29 THE DATE WHEN ALL CONSOLIDATED TRANSPORTATION BONDS THAT WERE ISSUED
- 30 BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION BEFORE JULY 1, 2003 NO LONGER
- 31 REMAIN OUTSTANDING AND UNPAID.
- 32 [After] FOR ANY FISCAL YEAR FOR WHICH THIS SECTION APPLIES, AFTER (B)
- 33 making the distribution required under § 2-613 of this subtitle, the Comptroller shall
- 34 distribute monthly 24% of the remaining income tax revenue from corporations to the
- 35 [Gasoline and Motor Vehicle Revenue Account in the] Transportation Trust Fund.

- 1 [2-1302.1.] 2-1303.
- 2 (A) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY FOR ANY FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING AFTER
- 3 THE DATE WHEN ALL CONSOLIDATED TRANSPORTATION BONDS THAT WERE ISSUED
- 4 BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION BEFORE JULY 1, 2003 NO LONGER
- 5 REMAIN OUTSTANDING AND UNPAID.
- 6 (B) [After] FOR ANY FISCAL YEAR FOR WHICH THIS SECTION APPLIES, AFTER
- 7 making the distributions required under §§ 2-1301 and 2-1302 of this subtitle, the
- 8 Comptroller monthly shall distribute 45% of the sales and use tax collected on
- 9 short-term vehicle rentals under § 11-104(c) of this article to the Transportation
- 10 Trust Fund established under § 3-216 of the Transportation Article.
- 11 2-1304.
- 12 AFTER MAKING THE DISTRIBUTIONS REQUIRED UNDER §§ 2-1301 THROUGH
- 13 2-1303 OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE COMPTROLLER MONTHLY SHALL DISTRIBUTE THE
- 14 REMAINING REVENUE FROM THE SALES AND USE TAX COLLECTED ON THE SALE OF
- 15 MOTOR FUEL TO THE GASOLINE AND MOTOR VEHICLE REVENUE ACCOUNT IN THE
- 16 TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND.
- 17 [2-1303.] 2-1305.
- After making the distributions required under §§ 2-1301 through [2-1302.1]
- 19 2-1304 of this subtitle, the Comptroller shall pay the remaining sales and use tax
- 20 revenue into the General Fund of the State.
- 21 9-204.
- 22 (A) For each type of motor fuel used in the operation of a commercial motor
- 23 vehicle on a highway in this State, the motor carrier tax rate is THE SUM, FOR EACH
- 24 GALLON OF FUEL USED, OF:
- 25 (1) the motor fuel tax rate for that type of motor fuel in effect when the
- 26 return period begins[, for each gallon of motor fuel used]; AND
- 27 (2) THE PER GALLON SALES AND USE TAX EQUIVALENT RATE FOR THAT
- 28 TYPE OF MOTOR FUEL, AS DETERMINED BY THE COMPTROLLER, IN EFFECT WHEN
- 29 THE RETURN PERIOD BEGINS.
- 30 (B) (1) FOR EACH TYPE OF MOTOR FUEL, ON OR BEFORE THE 15TH DAY OF
- 31 MARCH, JUNE, SEPTEMBER, AND DECEMBER OF EACH YEAR, THE COMPTROLLER
- 32 SHALL DETERMINE A PER GALLON SALES AND USE TAX EQUIVALENT RATE TO BE
- 33 EFFECTIVE FOR THE CALENDAR QUARTER BEGINNING ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE
- 34 FOLLOWING MONTH.
- 35 (2) THE PER GALLON SALES AND USE TAX EQUIVALENT RATE SHALL BE
- 36 BASED ON THE STATE SALES AND USE TAX IMPOSED ON THE SALE OF A GALLON OF
- 37 THAT TYPE OF MOTOR FUEL, USING THE ARITHMETIC AVERAGE SELLING PRICE,



1 2	(4) A SALE OF A MOTOR FUEL THAT IS EXEMPT FROM THE MOTOR FUEL TAX UNDER § 9-303(C) OF THIS ARTICLE;						
	[(4)] (5) except for a rental, a sale of a motor vehicle, other than a house or office trailer, that is subject to the motor vehicle excise tax under § 13-809 or § 3-811 of the Transportation Article;						
6 7	[(5)] (6) a lease of a motor vehicle that is leased for a period of at least 1 year;						
10	[(6)] (7) a rental of a motion picture, motion picture trailer, or advertising poster for display on theater premises by a person whose gross receipts from the activity related to the rental is subject to the admissions and amusement tax; or						
12 13	[(7)] (8) except for a rental, a sale of a vessel that is subject to the excise tax under § 8-716 of the Natural Resources Article.						
14	11-301.						
15	The sales and use tax is computed on:						
16	(1) the taxable price of each separate sale;						
17 18	(2) if a combined sale is made, the combined taxable price of all retail sales on the same occasion by the same vendor to the same buyer; or						
	(3) if retail sales of tangible personal property or a taxable service are made through vending or other self-service machines, 95.25% of the gross receipts from the retail sales.						
22	11-405.						
23 24	A vendor who sells tangible personal property or a taxable service through a vending or other self-service machine:						
25	(1) shall pay the sales and use tax to the Comptroller; and						
26 27	(2) may not collect the sales and use tax from the buyer as a separately stated item.						
28	11-408.						
	(D) (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED BY THE COMPTROLLER BY REGULATION AND EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, IF THE SALE OF MOTOR FUEL IS EXEMPT UNDER THIS TITLE:						
32 33	(I) THE SALES AND USE TAX ON THE SALE OF THE MOTOR FUEL SHALL BE PAID WHEN THE SALE IS MADE; AND						

- 1 (II) THE BUYER WHO PAYS THE SALES AND USE TAX MAY FILE A 2 CLAIM FOR A REFUND WITH THE COMPTROLLER.
- 3 (2) PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO MOTOR 4 FUEL THAT IS EXEMPT FROM THE MOTOR FUEL TAX.
- 5 11-409.
- 6 (A) (1) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION, A PERSON WHO
- 7 IS REOUIRED TO PAY TO THE COMPTROLLER THE MOTOR FUEL TAX ON MOTOR FUEL
- 8 SHALL PREPAY THE SALES AND USE TAX FOR THAT MOTOR FUEL TO THE
- 9 COMPTROLLER AS PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION.
- 10 (2) THE PREPAYMENT OF SALES AND USE TAX FOR MOTOR FUEL
- 11 REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE PAID WHEN THE MOTOR FUEL TAX ON
- 12 THAT MOTOR FUEL IS DUE.
- 13 (3) (I) A PERSON REQUIRED TO PREPAY THE SALES AND USE TAX FOR
- 14 MOTOR FUEL SHALL REPORT AND PAY THE PREPAYMENT AMOUNTS TO THE
- 15 COMPTROLLER FOR THE PERIOD IN WHICH THE MOTOR FUEL BECOMES SUBJECT TO
- 16 THE MOTOR FUEL TAX.
- 17 (II) THE REPORT REQUIRED UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL BE IN
- 18 THE FORM PRESCRIBED BY THE COMPTROLLER AND SHALL INCLUDE THE
- 19 INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THE COMPTROLLER.
- 20 (B) (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION:
- 21 (I) IF A PERSON WHO IS REQUIRED TO PREPAY THE SALES AND
- 22 USE TAX TO THE COMPTROLLER FOR MOTOR FUEL SELLS THE MOTOR FUEL, THE
- 23 PERSON SHALL COLLECT THE AMOUNT OF THE PREPAYMENT FROM THE
- 24 PURCHASER; AND
- 25 (II) ON EACH SUBSEQUENT SALE OF MOTOR FUEL FOR WHICH THE
- 26 SALES AND USE TAX HAS BEEN PREPAID UNDER THIS SECTION, EACH SELLER SHALL
- 27 COLLECT THE AMOUNT OF THE PREPAYMENT FROM THE PURCHASER.
- 28 (2) PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO A SELLER
- 29 WHO MAKES A RETAIL SALE OF THE MOTOR FUEL.
- 30 (3) EACH SELLER OTHER THAN A SELLER WHO MAKES A RETAIL SALE
- 31 OF THE MOTOR FUEL SHALL PROVIDE THE PURCHASER WITH AN INVOICE FOR, OR
- 32 OTHER EVIDENCE OF, THE COLLECTION OF THE PREPAYMENT AMOUNTS WHICH
- 33 SHALL BE SEPARATELY STATED.
- 34 (C) (1) A PERSON WHO HAS PREPAID THE SALES AND USE TAX TO THE
- 35 COMPTROLLER UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION OR HAS PAID THE
- 36 PREPAYMENT TO A SELLER UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION IS ALLOWED A
- 37 CREDIT:

- **HOUSE BILL 1020** IF THE PERSON MAKES A RETAIL SALE OF THE MOTOR FUEL, (I)2 AGAINST THE PERSON'S SALES AND USE TAX LIABILITY FOR THE PERIOD IN WHICH 3 THE PERSON MAKES A RETAIL SALE OF THE MOTOR FUEL; OR IF THE PERSON SUBSEQUENTLY USES THE MOTOR FUEL, 5 AGAINST THE PERSON'S SALES AND USE TAX LIABILITY FOR THE PERIOD IN WHICH 6 THE PERSON USES THE MOTOR FUEL. TO BE ENTITLED TO THE CREDIT, THE PERSON WHO MAKES A RETAIL 8 SALE OF THE MOTOR FUEL OR WHO USES THE MOTOR FUEL SHALL RETAIN FOR 9 INSPECTION BY THE COMPTROLLER ANY RECEIPTS, INVOICES, OR OTHER 10 DOCUMENTS SHOWING THE AMOUNT OF SALES AND USE TAX PREPAID TO A SELLER, 11 TOGETHER WITH THE EVIDENCE OF PAYMENT. 12 (D) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPHS (2) AND (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION, 13 THE SALES AND USE TAX PREPAYMENT REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION IS AN 14 AMOUNT PER GALLON OF MOTOR FUEL AS ESTABLISHED BY THE COMPTROLLER. 15 THE COMPTROLLER SHALL DETERMINE THE SALES AND USE (II)16 TAX PREPAYMENT RATE FOR EACH FISCAL YEAR BASED ON THE STATE SALES AND 17 USE TAX RATE APPLIED TO THE ARITHMETIC AVERAGE RETAIL SELLING PRICE. 18 EXCLUDING THE SALES AND USE TAX, OF GASOLINE IN THE STATE, AS DETERMINED 19 BY THE COMPTROLLER FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR THAT ENDED PRIOR TO THE 20 BEGINNING OF THE FISCAL YEAR. (III)THE PREPAYMENT RATE SHALL BE ROUNDED TO THE NEAREST 22 HALF CENT FOR EACH GALLON. SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE 23 24 PREPAYMENT RATE FOR THE PERIOD FROM JULY 1, 2003 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2004 25 SHALL BE 7 CENTS FOR EACH GALLON OF MOTOR FUEL. THE COMPTROLLER MAY ADJUST THE PREPAYMENT RATE OR MAY 27 ESTABLISH SEPARATE PREPAYMENT RATES FOR DIFFERENT TYPES OF MOTOR FUEL 28 IF: 29 (I) AS A RESULT OF SIGNIFICANT INCREASES OR DECREASES IN 30 THE PRICE OF MOTOR FUEL THE ESTABLISHED PREPAYMENT RATE RESULTS IN 31 PREPAYMENTS THAT ARE CONSISTENTLY HIGHER OR SIGNIFICANTLY LOWER THAN 32 THE SALES AND USE TAX IMPOSED ON THE SALE OR USE OF THE MOTOR FUEL; OR THE COMPTROLLER OTHERWISE DETERMINES THAT IT IS 33 (II)34 APPROPRIATE TO ADJUST THE PREPAYMENT RATE OR ESTABLISH SEPARATE

36 11-601.

37 A vendor who makes a sale subject to the sales and use tax under a 38 prepayment authorization or through a vending OR OTHER SELF-SERVICE machine

35 PREPAYMENT RATES FOR DIFFERENT TYPES OF MOTOR FUEL.

1 shall pay the sales and use tax on that sale with the return that covers the period in 2 which the vendor makes that sale. 3 13-901. 4 A claim for refund of sales and use tax may be filed by a claimant who: (g) 5 pays the tax on a sale exempt under § 11-216 of this article; (1) 6 refunds the tax to a buyer in a cancelled or rescinded sale under § 7 11-403(c) of this article; (3) pays the tax in a cancelled or rescinded sale for which the vendor 9 refuses to refund the tax as required under § 11-403(c) of this article; [or] pays the tax under § 11-408(c) of this article on a cash sale or sale for 11 use that is not a retail sale; OR 12 PAYS THE TAX UNDER § 11-408(D) OF THIS ARTICLE ON A SALE OF (5) 13 THE MOTOR FUEL THAT IS EXEMPT FROM THE SALES AND USE TAX. 14 **Article - Transportation** 15 3-215. 16 [The] FOR ANY BONDS ISSUED BEFORE JULY 1, 2003, THE tax levied and (b) 17 imposed by this section consists of that part of the following taxes that are retained to 18 the credit of the Department after distributions to the political subdivisions: The motor fuel tax revenue distributed under §§ 2-1103(2) and 19 (1) 20 2-1104(4) of the Tax - General Article; The income tax revenue distributed under § 2-614 of the Tax -21 (2) 22 General Article; 23 The excise tax imposed on vehicles by Part II of Title 13, Subtitle 8 of (3)24 this article: and The sales and use tax revenues FROM SHORT-TERM VEHICLE 25 26 RENTALS distributed under [§ 2-1302.1] § 2-1303 of the Tax - General Article. FOR ANY BONDS ISSUED ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2003, THE TAX LEVIED AND 27 28 IMPOSED BY THIS SECTION CONSISTS OF THAT PART OF THE FOLLOWING TAXES 29 THAT ARE RETAINED TO THE CREDIT OF THE DEPARTMENT AFTER DISTRIBUTIONS 30 TO THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS: THE MOTOR FUEL TAX REVENUE DISTRIBUTED UNDER §§ 2-1103(2) 31 (1)32 AND 2-1104(4) OF THE TAX - GENERAL ARTICLE; AND 33 THE EXCISE TAX IMPOSED ON VEHICLES BY PART II OF TITLE 13, 34 SUBTITLE 8 OF THIS ARTICLE.

- 1 3-216.
- 2 (f) (1) No part of the Transportation Trust Fund may revert or be credited to
- 3 the general funds of this State. No part of the Transportation Trust Fund may revert
- 4 or be credited to a special fund of the State, unless otherwise provided by law. No part
- 5 of the Transportation Trust Fund may revert or be credited to a special fund of the
- 6 State pursuant to the provisions of § 7-209(e)(2) of the State Finance and
- 7 Procurement Article, unless the transfer is approved by the Legislative Policy
- 8 Committee. Failure of the Legislative Policy Committee to reject the transfer within
- 9 15 days after presentation before the Legislative Policy Committee shall be deemed to
- 10 be approval.
- 11 (2) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, for fiscal year 1984 only,
- 12 \$29,000,000 of the funds in the Transportation Trust Fund which are not required by
- 13 law to be distributed to the counties or Baltimore City and which have not been
- 14 pledged or otherwise committed to the payment of or as security for the payment of
- 15 any bonds or debt issued or incurred pursuant to this article shall be transferred and
- 16 credited to the general funds of the State on or before June 30, 1984 and shall be
- 17 available for appropriation from the general funds in fiscal year 1984.
- 18 (3) (I) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, FOR ANY
- 19 FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING BEFORE THE DATE WHEN ALL CONSOLIDATED
- 20 TRANSPORTATION BONDS THAT WERE ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF
- 21 TRANSPORTATION BEFORE JULY 1, 2003 NO LONGER REMAIN OUTSTANDING AND
- 22 UNPAID, OF THE FUNDS IN THE TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND THAT HAVE NOT
- 23 BEEN PLEDGED OR OTHERWISE COMMITTED TO THE PAYMENT OF OR AS SECURITY
- 24 FOR THE PAYMENT OF ANY BONDS OR DEBT ISSUED OR INCURRED PURSUANT TO
- 25 THIS ARTICLE, THERE SHALL BE TRANSFERRED AND CREDITED TO THE GENERAL
- 26 FUNDS OF THE STATE ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30 OF THAT FISCAL YEAR AN AMOUNT
- 27 EQUAL TO THE SUM OF:
- 28 1. THE INCOME TAX REVENUE DISTRIBUTED TO THE
- 29 TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND FOR THAT FISCAL YEAR UNDER § 2-614 OF THE TAX -
- 30 GENERAL ARTICLE; AND
- 31 2. THE SALES AND USE TAX REVENUES FROM SHORT-TERM
- 32 VEHICLE RENTALS DISTRIBUTED TO THE TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND FOR THAT
- 33 FISCAL YEAR UNDER § 2-1303 OF THE TAX GENERAL ARTICLE.
- 34 (II) THE AMOUNTS TRANSFERRED AND CREDITED TO THE
- 35 GENERAL FUNDS OF THE STATE UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH FOR
- 36 ANY FISCAL YEAR SHALL BE AVAILABLE FOR APPROPRIATION FROM THE GENERAL
- 37 FUNDS IN THAT FISCAL YEAR.
- 38 8-402.
- 39 (a) There is a Gasoline and Motor Vehicle Revenue Account in the
- 40 Transportation Trust Fund.

- 1 (b) All revenues collected from the following, after deductions provided by law, 2 shall be credited to the Gasoline and Motor Vehicle Revenue Account: All of the motor vehicle fuel tax; 3 (1) 4 (2) Except as otherwise provided by law, 80 percent of the vehicle titling 5 tax; Except for revenues collected under Parts III and IV of Title 13, (3) 6 7 Subtitle 9 of this article, vehicle registration fees; AND [The revenue disbursed to this account under § 2-614 of the Tax -8 (4) 9 General Article; and 10 80 percent of the funds distributed on short-term vehicle rentals 11 under § 2-1302.1 of the Tax - General Article to the Transportation Trust Fund from 12 the sales and use tax] THE SALES AND USE TAX REVENUE DISTRIBUTED TO THIS 13 ACCOUNT UNDER § 2-1304 OF THE TAX - GENERAL ARTICLE. 14 During each fiscal year, the Account shall be used to pay the (c) (1) 15 allocations of highway user revenues provided by this subtitle to the counties, 16 municipalities, and Baltimore City; and 17 (2) The balance of the Account may be used as provided in § 3-216 of this 18 article.
- 19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect 20 July 1, 2003.