

(PRE-FILED)

By: **Delegate Boschert**
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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Transportation Trust Fund - Transit Operating Expenses - Limitations**

3 FOR the purpose of limiting the appropriation of certain funds in the Transportation
4 Trust Fund for transit operating expenses to a certain percentage of total
5 transportation operating expenses for a certain fiscal year and each fiscal year
6 thereafter; authorizing the Governor to include in the State budget an
7 appropriation from the General Fund to the Transportation Trust Fund for
8 certain purposes; and generally relating to the funding of transit operating
9 expenses from the Transportation Trust Fund.

10 BY adding to
11 Article - Transportation
12 Section 3-216(g)
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2003 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 3-216.

19 (G) (1) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW AND EXCEPT AS
20 PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION, FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006 AND
21 EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, THE LEVEL OF FUNDS IN THE TRANSPORTATION
22 TRUST FUND APPROPRIATED FOR TRANSIT OPERATING EXPENSES MAY NOT EXCEED
23 32.5 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES OF THE DEPARTMENT.

24 (2) THE GOVERNOR MAY INCLUDE IN THE STATE BUDGET AN
25 APPROPRIATION FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND
26 FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING ADDITIONAL TRANSIT OPERATING EXPENSES.

1 (3) THE LIMITATION SPECIFIED IN PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION
2 DOES NOT APPLY TO MONEY APPROPRIATED FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE
3 TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING TRANSIT
4 OPERATING EXPENSES.

5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
6 July 1, 2004.