

BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL NO. 625

(First Reading File Bill)

On page 1, strike beginning with “Authority” in line 2 down through “Duties” in line 3 and substitute “Advisory Committee”; and strike beginning with “Chesapeake” in line 4 down through “Authority.” in line 24 and substitute “Chesapeake Bay Crossing Advisory Committee; specifying the membership of the committee; providing for the terms of the members of the committee; providing for the election of the chair of the committee; prohibiting a member of the committee from receiving certain compensation; specifying the duties of the committee; requiring the committee to make certain reports to the Maryland Transportation Authority and the General Assembly; and generally relating to the Chesapeake Bay Crossing Advisory Committee.”

BY adding to

Article - Transportation

Section 4-210

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2001 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

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

Article - Transportation

4-210.

(A) IN THIS SECTION, “ADVISORY COMMITTEE” MEANS THE CHESAPEAKE BAY CROSSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

(B) THERE IS A CHESAPEAKE BAY CROSSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE IN THE AUTHORITY.

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(C) THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

(1) THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY;

(2) TWO MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE;

(3) TWO MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES; AND

(4) THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR:

(I) THREE MEMBERS WHO LIVE IN ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY;

(II) THREE MEMBERS WHO LIVE IN QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY;

AND

(III) TWO MEMBERS WHO ARE FAMILIAR WITH ISSUES FACED BY COMMUTERS WHO CROSS THE CHESAPEAKE BAY.

(D) (1) EACH APPOINTED MEMBER OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE SERVES FOR A TERM OF 3 YEARS AND UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED AND QUALIFIES.

(2) THE TERMS OF THE APPOINTED MEMBERS ARE STAGGERED AS REQUIRED BY THE TERMS PROVIDED FOR MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON JULY 1, 2005.

(E) THE MEMBERS OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ANNUALLY SHALL ELECT A MEMBER TO SERVE AS CHAIR OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

(F) THE AUTHORITY SHALL PROVIDE STAFF FOR THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

(G) A MEMBER OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

(1) MAY NOT RECEIVE COMPENSATION; BUT

(2) IS ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES UNDER THE STANDARD STATE TRAVEL REGULATIONS, AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.

(H) THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE SHALL:

(1) STUDY ISSUES ASSOCIATED WITH TRAFFIC ON THE WILLIAM PRESTON LANE, JR. MEMORIAL BRIDGE AND PARALLEL CHESAPEAKE BAY BRIDGE; AND

(2) MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE AUTHORITY REGARDING WAYS TO IMPROVE THE FLOW OF TRAFFIC ON THE WILLIAM PRESTON LANE, JR. MEMORIAL BRIDGE AND PARALLEL CHESAPEAKE BAY BRIDGE.

(I) (1) THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE SHALL REPORT ITS ACTIVITIES AND RECOMMENDATIONS QUARTERLY TO THE AUTHORITY.

(2) THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE SHALL REPORT ITS ACTIVITIES AND RECOMMENDATIONS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON OR BEFORE JULY 1 OF EACH YEAR.”.

On pages 1 through 19, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 25 on page 1 through line 9 on page 19, inclusive, and substitute:

“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the terms of the initial members of the Chesapeake Bay Crossing Advisory Committee shall expire as follows:

(1) four members in 2006;

(2) four members in 2007; and

(3) four members in 2008.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1,

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