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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Transportation - Passenger Railroad Service - Maryland Transit Pass**
3 **(Smart Card) Program**

4 FOR the purpose of prohibiting the Maryland Transit Administration from installing
5 a fare collection vending machine for the Maryland Transit Pass (Smart Card)
6 program at certain stations for certain passenger railroad services unless the
7 stations serve a certain number of passengers over the course of a certain
8 period; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to the
9 implementation of the Maryland Transit Pass (Smart Card) program for certain
10 passenger railroad services at certain stations.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article - Transportation
13 Section 7-902
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

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

18 **Article - Transportation**

19 7-902.

20 (a) The Administration shall continue to operate the following passenger
21 railroad services at levels of service at least equivalent to the level of service
22 established as of July 1, 1981:

23 (1) The CSX line between Brunswick and the District of Columbia;

24 (2) The Amtrak line between Penn Station in Baltimore and the District
25 of Columbia; and

1 (3) The CSX line between Camden Station in Baltimore and the District
2 of Columbia.

3 (b) The Administration shall recover at least 50 percent of total operating
4 costs for all passenger railroad services under its control from fares and operating
5 revenues. Notwithstanding § 7-208 of this title, the Maryland Transit Administration
6 shall calculate for passenger rail services a separate farebox recovery ratio for the
7 administrative purposes of determining a separate cost recovery ratio for each of the
8 aforementioned transit modes from the calculation for mass transit, Metro, and light
9 rail.

10 (C) THE ADMINISTRATION MAY NOT INSTALL A FARE COLLECTION VENDING
11 MACHINE FOR THE MARYLAND TRANSIT PASS (SMART CARD) PROGRAM AT A STATION
12 FOR A PASSENGER RAILROAD SERVICE DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS
13 SECTION UNLESS THE STATION, ON AVERAGE OVER THE COURSE OF EACH MONTH,
14 PROVIDES SERVICE FOR AT LEAST 15 PASSENGERS FOR EACH STOP ON EACH DAY OF
15 OPERATION.

16 [(c)] (D) The Administration shall adopt regulations to facilitate the
17 transportation of bicycles on board passenger railroad services.

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency
19 measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety,
20 has been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members
21 elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from
22 the date it is enacted.