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By: **Senator Pipkin**  
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Transportation Authority - Membership**

3 FOR the purpose of increasing the number of appointed members of the Maryland  
4 Transportation Authority; prohibiting an appointed member of the Authority  
5 from being an employee of the Executive Branch of the State government;  
6 requiring that certain appointed members have expertise in certain specialties;  
7 establishing that the terms of the appointed members of the Authority are  
8 staggered as provided in this Act; providing for the expiration of the terms of the  
9 appointed members of the Authority; limiting the number of terms that an  
10 appointed member of the Authority may serve; making a stylistic change; and  
11 generally relating to the membership of the Maryland Transportation Authority.

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
13 Article - Transportation  
14 Section 4-202  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

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

19 **Article - Transportation**

20 4-202.

21 (a) The Secretary of Transportation is the Chairman of the Authority.

22 (b) (1) In addition to the Chairman, the Authority consists of [six] EIGHT  
23 members appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate.

24 (2) THE APPOINTED MEMBERS OF THE AUTHORITY MAY NOT BE  
25 EMPLOYEES OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT.

26 (3) OF THE APPOINTED MEMBERS:

- 1 (I) ONE SHALL HAVE EXPERTISE IN STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING;  
2 (II) ONE SHALL HAVE EXPERTISE IN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING;  
3 (III) ONE SHALL HAVE EXPERTISE IN LAND USE PLANNING; AND  
4 (IV) ONE SHALL HAVE EXPERTISE IN FINANCE.

5 (c) (1) Each appointed member serves for a term of [3] 4 years and until  
6 [his] A successor is appointed and qualifies.

7 (2) The terms of [one third of the appointed members expire each year]  
8 THE APPOINTED MEMBERS ARE STAGGERED AS REQUIRED BY THE TERMS PROVIDED  
9 FOR MEMBERS OF THE AUTHORITY ON OCTOBER 1, 2006.

10 (3) AN APPOINTED MEMBER MAY NOT SERVE MORE THAN TWO  
11 CONSECUTIVE TERMS.

12 [(2)] (4) A member appointed to fill a vacancy in an unexpired term  
13 serves only for the remainder of that term.

14 (d) A member of the Authority is entitled to:

15 (1) The compensation provided in the State budget; and

16 (2) Reimbursement for expenses, in accordance with the Standard State  
17 Travel Regulations of the Department of Budget and Management.

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding any  
19 other provision of law, the terms of the appointed members of the Authority shall  
20 expire as follows:

21 (1) the terms of the members whose terms, before the effective date of this Act,  
22 were scheduled to expire in 2007 shall expire in 2007;

23 (2) the terms of the members whose terms, before the effective date of this Act,  
24 were scheduled to expire in 2008 shall expire in 2007;

25 (3) the terms of the members whose terms, before the effective date of this Act,  
26 were scheduled to expire in 2009 shall expire in 2008; and

27 (4) the terms of the additional members appointed under Section 1 of this Act  
28 shall expire in 2008.

29 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take  
30 effect October 1, 2006.