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CHAPTER _____

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 providing that the appointed members of the Authority shall reflect certain
8 racial, gender, and geographic diversity; establishing that the terms of the
9 appointed members of the Authority are staggered as provided in this Act;
10 providing for the expiration of the terms of the appointed members of the
11 Authority; limiting the number of terms that an appointed member of the
12 Authority may serve; making a stylistic change; and generally relating to the
13 membership of the Maryland Transportation Authority.

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
15 Article - Transportation
16 Section 4-202
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

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

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Article - Transportation

2 4-202.

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

4 (b) (1) In addition to the Chairman, the Authority consists of [six] EIGHT
5 members appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate.6 (2) THE APPOINTED MEMBERS OF THE AUTHORITY MAY NOT BE
7 EMPLOYEES OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT.

8 (3) OF THE APPOINTED MEMBERS:

9 (I) ONE SHALL HAVE EXPERTISE IN STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING;

10 (II) ONE SHALL HAVE EXPERTISE IN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING;

11 (III) ONE SHALL HAVE EXPERTISE IN LAND USE PLANNING; AND

12 (IV) ONE SHALL HAVE EXPERTISE IN FINANCE.

13 (4) THE APPOINTED MEMBERS OF THE AUTHORITY SHALL REFLECT THE
14 RACIAL, GENDER, AND GEOGRAPHIC DIVERSITY OF THE POPULATION OF THE STATE.15 (c) (1) Each appointed member serves for a term of [3] 4 years and until
16 [his] A successor is appointed and qualifies.17 (2) The terms of [one third of the appointed members expire each year]
18 THE APPOINTED MEMBERS ARE STAGGERED AS REQUIRED BY THE TERMS PROVIDED
19 FOR MEMBERS OF THE AUTHORITY ON OCTOBER 1, 2006.20 (3) AN APPOINTED MEMBER MAY NOT SERVE MORE THAN ~~TWO~~ THREE
21 CONSECUTIVE TERMS.22 [(2)] (4) A member appointed to fill a vacancy in an unexpired term
23 serves only for the remainder of that term.

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

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

26 (2) Reimbursement for expenses, in accordance with the Standard State
27 Travel Regulations of the Department of Budget and Management.28 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding any
29 other provision of law, the terms of the appointed members of the Authority shall
30 expire as follows:31 (1) the terms of the members whose terms, before the effective date of this Act,
32 were scheduled to expire in 2007 shall expire in 2007;

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

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

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

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