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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Queen Anne's County - Maryland Transportation Authority - Transportation**
 3 **Facilities Projects**

4 FOR the purpose of prohibiting the Maryland Transportation Authority from making
 5 certain contracts or agreements regarding transportation facilities projects in
 6 Queen Anne's County without the approval of the Queen Anne's County
 7 Department of Planning and Zoning; and generally relating to transportation
 8 facilities projects in Queen Anne's County.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 10 Article - Transportation
 11 Section 4-205
 12 Annotated Code of Maryland
 13 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

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

16 **Article - Transportation**

17 4-205.

18 (a) Subject to § 4-306 of this title and in addition to the powers otherwise
 19 specifically granted by law, the Authority has the powers described in this section.

20 (b) The Authority may acquire, hold, and dispose of property in the exercise of
 21 its powers and performance of its duties.

22 (c) (1) Subject to the limitations described in [paragraph (2)] PARAGRAPHS
 23 (2) AND (3) of this subsection, the Authority may make any contracts and agreements
 24 necessary or incidental to the exercise of its powers and performance of its duties.

25 (2) Not less than 45 days before entering into any contract or agreement
 26 to acquire or construct a revenue-producing transportation facilities project, subject
 27 to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the Authority shall provide, to the
 28 Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, the House Committee on Ways and Means,

1 and the House Appropriations Committee, for review and comment, and to the
2 Department of Legislative Services, a description of the proposed project, a summary
3 of the contract or agreement, and a financing plan that details:

4 (i) The estimated annual revenue from the issuance of bonds to
5 finance the project; and

6 (ii) The estimated impact of the issuance of bonds to finance the
7 project on the bonding capacity of the Authority.

8 (3) THE AUTHORITY MAY NOT MAKE ANY CONTRACT OR AGREEMENT TO
9 ACQUIRE OR CONSTRUCT A TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES PROJECT IN QUEEN
10 ANNE'S COUNTY UNLESS THE PROJECT HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE QUEEN ANNE'S
11 COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ZONING.

12 (d) (1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, the Authority may employ
13 and fix the compensation of attorneys, consulting engineers, accountants,
14 construction and financial experts, superintendents, managers, and any other agents
15 and employees that it considers necessary to exercise its powers and perform its
16 duties. The compensation established by the Authority for executive management
17 positions shall be consistent with the compensation of comparable positions in the
18 Department of Transportation. The compensation established by the Authority shall
19 be reported to the General Assembly each year as part of the Authority's presentation
20 of its budget.

21 (2) The expense of employing these persons may be paid only from
22 revenues or from the proceeds of revenue bonds issued by the Authority.

23 (e) The Authority may apply for and receive grants from any federal agency
24 for the planning, construction, operation, or financing of any transportation facilities
25 project and may receive aid or contributions of money, property, labor, or other things
26 of value from any source, to be held, used, and applied for the purposes for which the
27 grants, aid, and contributions are made.

28 (f) The Authority may adopt rules and regulations to carry out the provisions
29 of this title.

30 (g) The Authority may do anything else necessary or convenient to carry out
31 the powers granted in this title.

32 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
33 October 1, 2006.