
By: **Senators Gladden and Hughes**
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore Metropolitan Transit District Advisory Council - Establishment**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Baltimore Metropolitan Transit District Advisory
4 Council; requiring the Advisory Council to study, investigate, and monitor, and
5 make recommendations to the Maryland Transit Administration with respect to,
6 bus and rail transit in the Baltimore Metropolitan Transit District; providing for
7 the membership, terms, chair, and staff of the Advisory Council; requiring State
8 and local agencies to comply with certain requests of the Advisory Council;
9 providing for reimbursement for the expenses of a member of the Advisory
10 Council; defining a certain term; and generally relating to the establishment of
11 the Baltimore Metropolitan Transit District Advisory Council.

12 BY adding to
13 Article - Transportation
14 Section 7-309
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 7-309.

21 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "ADVISORY COUNCIL" MEANS THE BALTIMORE
22 METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT ADVISORY COUNCIL.

23 (B) THERE IS A BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT ADVISORY
24 COUNCIL.

25 (C) THE ADVISORY COUNCIL CONSISTS OF 13 MEMBERS WHO ARE REGULAR
26 TRANSIT USERS AS FOLLOWS:

27 (1) SIX RESIDENTS OF BALTIMORE CITY, APPOINTED BY THE MAYOR OF
28 BALTIMORE CITY;

1 (2) THREE RESIDENTS OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, APPOINTED BY THE
2 BALTIMORE COUNTY EXECUTIVE;

3 (3) TWO RESIDENTS OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, APPOINTED BY THE
4 ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY EXECUTIVE;

5 (4) ONE RESIDENT OF HARFORD COUNTY, APPOINTED BY THE HARFORD
6 COUNTY EXECUTIVE; AND

7 (5) ONE RESIDENT OF HOWARD COUNTY, APPOINTED BY THE HOWARD
8 COUNTY EXECUTIVE.

9 (D) THE ADVISORY COUNCIL SHALL SELECT A CHAIR FROM AMONG ITS
10 MEMBERS.

11 (E) (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE
12 TERM OF A MEMBER IS 2 YEARS.

13 (2) THE FIRST TERM FOR THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS IS 3 YEARS, AFTER
14 WHICH THE MEMBER OR THE MEMBER'S SUCCESSOR SHALL SERVE A 2-YEAR TERM:

15 (I) THREE OF THE MEMBERS FROM BALTIMORE CITY;

16 (II) ONE MEMBER EACH FROM BALTIMORE AND ANNE ARUNDEL
17 COUNTIES; AND

18 (III) THE MEMBER FROM HARFORD COUNTY.

19 (3) AT THE END OF A TERM, A MEMBER CONTINUES TO SERVE UNTIL A
20 SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED AND QUALIFIES.

21 (4) A MEMBER WHO IS APPOINTED AFTER A TERM HAS BEGUN SERVES
22 ONLY FOR THE REST OF THE TERM AND UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED AND
23 QUALIFIES.

24 (F) (1) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL PROVIDE STAFF AND RESOURCES FOR
25 THE ADVISORY COUNCIL.

26 (2) STATE AND LOCAL AGENCIES SHALL COMPLY WITH ANY
27 REASONABLE REQUEST FOR INFORMATION OR DOCUMENTATION MADE BY THE
28 ADVISORY COUNCIL IN THE COURSE OF FULFILLING ITS DUTIES.

29 (G) A MEMBER OF THE ADVISORY COUNCIL:

30 (1) MAY NOT RECEIVE COMPENSATION; BUT

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

1 (H) THE ADVISORY COUNCIL SHALL STUDY, INVESTIGATE, AND MONITOR, AND
2 MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE ADMINISTRATION WITH RESPECT TO, BUS AND
3 RAIL TRANSIT IN THE BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT.

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
5 effect July 1, 2006.