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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Transportation - Heavy Rail Transit - Federal Funding**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the minimum percentage of net project costs for heavy
4 rail transit projects required to be paid by federal grants; defining "heavy rail
5 transit"; making a technical correction; and generally relating to federal funding
6 for heavy rail transit.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
8 Article - Transportation
9 Section 7-101(a), (d), and (f)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

12 BY adding to
13 Article - Transportation
14 Section 7-101(e-1)
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

17 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
18 Article - Transportation
19 Section 7-102.1(a)
20 Annotated Code of Maryland
21 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

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

24 **Article - Transportation**

25 7-101.

26 (a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

1 (d) "District" means:

2 (1) The Metropolitan Transit District, consisting of Baltimore City,
3 Baltimore County, Anne Arundel County, and other areas as designated by the
4 Secretary after consultation and coordination with the affected jurisdiction and
5 subject to the provisions of the Washington Metropolitan Transit Authority Compact;
6 and

7 (2) Any area in which railroad service is performed under contract with
8 the Administration or in which railroad facilities are owned by the Administration.

9 (E-1) "HEAVY RAIL TRANSIT" MEANS RAIL TRANSIT THAT:

10 (1) IS ELECTRICALLY POWERED ON FIXED RAILS;

11 (2) HAS SEPARATE RIGHTS-OF-WAY FROM WHICH ALL OTHER VEHICLE
12 AND PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC IS EXCLUDED;

13 (3) USES HIGH SPEED AND RAPID ACCELERATION PASSENGER RAIL
14 CARS; AND

15 (4) HAS SOPHISTICATED SIGNALING AND HIGH PLATFORM LOADING.

16 (f) "Light rail transit" means rail transit which is electrically powered and can
17 operate in mixed traffic with automobiles.

18 7-102.1.

19 (a) (1) In this subsection, "net project costs" means that part of the capital
20 costs that is incurred in constructing and acquiring transit facilities eligible for
21 assistance under the federal Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964 and that cannot
22 be reasonably financed from revenues.

23 (2) It is the policy of this title that:

24 (i) Consistent with the alleviation of traffic congestion in the
25 District and the attainment of a balanced transportation system using each mode of
26 transportation to its best advantage, all costs incurred to construct, acquire, operate,
27 and maintain transit facilities for the regional transit system shall be covered, as far
28 as practicable, by fares charged for the services performed by the transit facilities
29 owned or controlled by the Administration;

30 (ii) For light rail TRANSIT projects, at least 10 percent of the net
31 project costs shall be paid by grants contributed by the federal government; [and]

32 (iii) FOR HEAVY RAIL TRANSIT PROJECTS, AT LEAST 25 PERCENT OF
33 THE NET PROJECT COSTS SHALL BE PAID BY GRANTS CONTRIBUTED BY THE
34 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT; AND

35 (IV) At least two-thirds of the net project costs for all other transit
36 facilities shall be paid by grants contributed by the federal government.

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