

HOUSE BILL 1150

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ENROLLED BILL

— *Environmental Matters / Finance* —

Introduced by **Delegates Ali, Barkley, McComas, and Shewell**

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this

_____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, _____ M.

Speaker.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Department of Transportation – Evaluation of the Telework**
3 **Partnership with Employers Initiative**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Department of Transportation ~~to engage~~
5 ~~the services of an independent consultant~~ to evaluate the Department's
6 Telework Partnership with Employers initiative; specifying that the
7 Department ~~require the consultant to~~ issue a report of its findings and
8 recommendations on or before a certain date to the Governor and the General
9 Assembly; and generally relating to an evaluation of the Department of
10 Transportation's Telework Partnership with Employers initiative.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike-out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

Italics indicate opposite chamber / conference committee amendments.



1 Preamble

2 WHEREAS, The Maryland Department of Transportation has implemented the
3 Telework Partnership with Employers initiative in collaboration with the Baltimore
4 Metropolitan Council and the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments; and

5 WHEREAS, The Telework Partnership offers free professional telework
6 consulting services to Maryland employers; and

7 WHEREAS, Telework benefits companies by allowing employees to work
8 outside the traditional environment, whether at home or in a satellite office, thereby
9 reducing traffic congestion on the State's highways and roads, producing less
10 pollution, and lowering energy consumption; and

11 WHEREAS, Telework also benefits employers by reducing operating costs and
12 increasing employee retention and morale; and

13 WHEREAS, Telework affords employees flexible work arrangements and
14 reduced commuting costs, thereby providing a better work-family balance, reduced
15 stress, improved job satisfaction, and reduced travel time and expense; now, therefore,

16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
17 MARYLAND, ~~That, subject to the approval of the Board of Public Works, That~~ the
18 Maryland Department of Transportation shall ~~engage the services of an independent~~
19 ~~consultant to, within currently budgeted resources,~~ evaluate the Department's
20 Telework Partnership with Employers initiative. The Department shall ~~require that,~~
21 on or before December 31, 2007, ~~the consultant~~ issue a report of its findings and
22 recommendations regarding the telework initiative to the Governor and, in accordance
23 with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
25 July 1, 2007.