

# HOUSE BILL 1150

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By: **Delegates Ali, Barkley, McComas, and Shewell**

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## 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.

11 Preamble

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

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

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**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.



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

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

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

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

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

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.