

HOUSE BILL 1189

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Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Transportation – Maryland Senior Rides Program – Repeal of Grant**
3 **Limitations**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the name of a certain program to be the Maryland Senior
5 Rides Program; repealing certain caps on the annual and total number of grants
6 that a participant in the Maryland Senior Rides Program may receive; repealing
7 certain caps on the total dollar amount and the dollar amount per applicant
8 that the Maryland Transit Administration may award annually under the
9 Program; repealing a certain cap on the dollar amount that the Administration
10 may award annually under the Program for use in certain regions of the State;
11 altering a certain definition; and generally relating to the repeal of grant
12 limitations for the Maryland Senior Rides Program.

13 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
14 Article – Transportation
15 Section 7-1001(a)
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

18 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
19 Article – Transportation
20 Section 7-1001(d), 7-1002, and 7-1003 to be under the amended subtitle
21 “Subtitle 10. Maryland Senior Rides Program”
22 Annotated Code of Maryland
23 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

3 **Article – Transportation**

4 Subtitle 10. Maryland Senior Rides [Demonstration] Program.

5 7-1001.

6 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

7 (d) “Program” means the Maryland Senior Rides [Demonstration] Program
8 established under this subtitle.

9 7-1002.

10 (a) There is a Maryland Senior Rides [Demonstration] Program in the
11 Administration.

12 (b) The purpose of the Program is to encourage regional providers to provide
13 door-to-door transportation for low-income to moderate-income seniors.

14 (c) The Administration shall award grants to qualified Program applicants,
15 as provided in § 7-1003 of this subtitle, for the operation of transportation services as
16 specified in this section.

17 (d) To be eligible for a grant under § 7-1003 of this subtitle, a Program
18 applicant shall:

19 (1) Provide door-to-door transportation for low-income to
20 moderate-income seniors who have difficulty accessing or using other existing
21 transportation systems;

22 (2) Use primarily volunteer drivers who drive their own vehicles;

23 (3) Use a dispatcher system to respond quickly to requests from
24 low-income to moderate-income seniors for door-to-door transportation; and

25 (4) Define a geographic area for which door-to-door transportation is
26 provided.

6 (f) A Program participant shall expend a matching fund of at least 25% of
7 the total capital or operating costs associated with providing door-to-door
8 transportation for low-income to moderate-income seniors.

13 (h)] A Program participant may charge reasonable fees for door-to-door
14 transportation provided by the Program participant.

15 [(i)] (H) Nothing in this section prohibits a Program participant from
16 providing services in addition to those described in subsection (d) of this section.

17 7-1003.

18 The Administration shall:

19 (1) **Solicit grant applications from prospective Program applicants;**

20 (2) [Subject to the limitations in § 7-1002(g) of this subtitle, award
21 grants of up to \$100,000 each] **AWARD GRANTS** to qualified Program applicants:

22 (3) Ensure that the grants awarded under item (2) of this section are
23 distributed among Program applicants to provide door-to-door transportation in the
24 following areas [with no area receiving grants totaling more than \$100,000 per year]:

25 (i) The Baltimore Metropolitan Area:

²⁶ (ii) The Washington D.C. Metropolitan Area:

27 (iii) Western Maryland:

28 (iv) Southern Maryland: and

1 (v) The Eastern Shore; and

5 (i) A rural area;

6 (ii) An urban area; and

7 (iii) A suburban area.

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
9 October 1, 2007.