

# HOUSE BILL 1189

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

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; altering  
7 a certain cap on the total dollar amount of grants that the Maryland Transit  
8 Administration may award annually under the Program; repealing ~~certain caps~~  
9 ~~on the total dollar amount and a certain cap on the dollar amount per applicant~~  
10 that the ~~Maryland Transit~~ Administration may award annually under the  
11 Program; repealing a certain cap on the dollar amount that the Administration  
12 may award annually under the Program for use in certain regions of the State;  
13 altering a certain definition; and generally relating to ~~the repeal of certain~~ grant  
14 limitations for the Maryland Senior Rides Program.

15 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
16 Article – Transportation  
17 Section 7-1001(a)  
18 Annotated Code of Maryland  
19 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

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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 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
2 Article – Transportation  
3 Section 7–1001(d), 7–1002, and 7–1003 to be under the amended subtitle  
4 “Subtitle 10. Maryland Senior Rides Program”  
5 Annotated Code of Maryland  
6 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

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

9 **Article – Transportation**

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

11 7–1001.

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

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

15 7–1002.

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

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

20 (c) The Administration shall award grants to qualified Program applicants,  
21 as provided in § 7–1003 of this subtitle, for the operation of transportation services as  
22 specified in this section.

23 (d) To be eligible for a grant under § 7–1003 of this subtitle, a Program  
24 applicant shall:

25 (1) Provide door-to-door transportation for low-income to  
26 moderate-income seniors who have difficulty accessing or using other existing  
27 transportation systems;

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

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

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

5 (e) A Program participant may provide door-to-door transportation to an  
6 eligible senior who does not reside in the geographic area defined by the Program  
7 participant under subsection (d)(4) of this section when applying to participate in the  
8 Program, so long as service is not diminished to an eligible senior who does reside in  
9 the defined geographic area.

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

13 (g) ~~[(1) A Program participant may not receive more than one grant~~  
14 ~~annually and may not receive a total of more than four grants.~~

15 ~~(2)~~ The Administration may not award more than ~~\$400,000~~ \$500,000  
16 in grants per year.

17 (h)~~†~~ A Program participant may charge reasonable fees for door-to-door  
18 transportation provided by the Program participant.

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

21 7-1003.

22 The Administration shall:

23 (1) Solicit grant applications from prospective Program applicants;

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

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

- 1 (i) The Baltimore Metropolitan Area;
- 2 (ii) The Washington D.C. Metropolitan Area;
- 3 (iii) Western Maryland;
- 4 (iv) Southern Maryland; and
- 5 (v) The Eastern Shore; and
- 6 (4) Ensure, to the extent practicable, that at least one grant is  
7 awarded to Program applicants to provide door-to-door transportation in each of the  
8 following areas:
- 9 (i) A rural area;
- 10 (ii) An urban area; and
- 11 (iii) A suburban area.

12 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
13 October 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.