

SENATE BILL 439

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By: **Senator Pugh (By Request) and Senators Della, Jones, Kasemeyer, McFadden, and Stone**

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Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Transit Administration – Baltimore Metropolitan Transit District**
3 **Advisory Council**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing the Baltimore Metropolitan Transit District Advisory
5 Council; requiring the Advisory Council to study, investigate, monitor, and
6 make recommendations to the Maryland Transit Administration with respect to
7 bus and rail transit in the Baltimore Metropolitan Transit District; providing
8 for the membership, terms, chair, and staff of the Advisory Council; requiring
9 State and local agencies to comply with certain requests of the Advisory
10 Council; providing for reimbursement for the expenses of a member of the
11 Advisory Council; defining a certain term; and generally relating to the
12 establishment of the Baltimore Metropolitan Transit District Advisory Council.

13 BY adding to

14 Article – Transportation
15 Section 7–309
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

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

20 **Article – Transportation**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **7-309.**

2 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "ADVISORY COUNCIL" MEANS THE BALTIMORE
3 METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT ADVISORY COUNCIL.

4 (B) THERE IS A BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT
5 ADVISORY COUNCIL.

6 (C) (1) THE ADVISORY COUNCIL CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING 13
7 MEMBERS:

8 (I) SIX RESIDENTS OF BALTIMORE CITY, APPOINTED BY
9 THE MAYOR OF BALTIMORE CITY;

10 (II) THREE RESIDENTS OF BALTIMORE COUNTY,
11 APPOINTED BY THE BALTIMORE COUNTY EXECUTIVE;

12 (III) TWO RESIDENTS OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY,
13 APPOINTED BY THE ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY EXECUTIVE;

14 (IV) ONE RESIDENT OF HARFORD COUNTY, APPOINTED BY
15 THE HARFORD COUNTY EXECUTIVE; AND

16 (V) ONE RESIDENT OF HOWARD COUNTY, APPOINTED BY
17 THE HOWARD COUNTY EXECUTIVE.

18 (2) MEMBERS OF THE ADVISORY COUNCIL SHALL BE REGULAR
19 TRANSIT USERS.

20 (3) THE ADVISORY COUNCIL SHALL ELECT A CHAIR FROM
21 AMONG ITS MEMBERS.

22 (4) A MEMBER OF THE ADVISORY COUNCIL MAY NOT RECEIVE
23 COMPENSATION AS A MEMBER OF THE ADVISORY COUNCIL BUT IS ENTITLED TO
24 REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES UNDER THE STANDARD STATE TRAVEL
25 REGULATIONS, AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.

26 (D) (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS
27 SUBSECTION, THE TERM OF A MEMBER IS 2 YEARS.

1 **(2) THE FIRST TERM FOR THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS IS 3 YEARS:**

2 **(I) THREE OF THE MEMBERS FROM BALTIMORE CITY;**

3 **(II) ONE MEMBER EACH FROM BALTIMORE AND ANNE**
4 **ARUNDEL COUNTIES; AND**

5 **(III) THE MEMBER FROM HARFORD COUNTY.**

6 **(3) ON COMPLETION OF A TERM LISTED UNDER PARAGRAPH (2)**
7 **OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE MEMBER OR THE MEMBER'S SUCCESSOR SHALL**
8 **SERVE A 2-YEAR TERM.**

9 **(4) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (5) OF THIS**
10 **SUBSECTION, AT THE END OF A TERM A MEMBER SHALL CONTINUE TO SERVE**
11 **UNTIL A QUALIFIED SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED.**

12 **(5) A MEMBER WHO IS APPOINTED AFTER A TERM HAS BEGUN**
13 **SERVES ONLY FOR THE REST OF THE TERM.**

14 **(E) (1) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL PROVIDE STAFF AND**
15 **RESOURCES FOR THE ADVISORY COUNCIL.**

16 **(2) STATE AND LOCAL AGENCIES SHALL COMPLY WITH ANY**
17 **REASONABLE REQUEST FOR INFORMATION OR DOCUMENTATION MADE BY THE**
18 **ADVISORY COUNCIL IN THE COURSE OF FULFILLING ITS DUTIES.**

19 **(F) THE ADVISORY COUNCIL SHALL:**

20 **(1) STUDY, INVESTIGATE, AND MONITOR BUS AND RAIL TRANSIT**
21 **IN THE BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT; AND**

22 **(2) MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE ADMINISTRATION WITH**
23 **RESPECT TO BUS AND RAIL TRANSIT IN THE BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN**
24 **TRANSIT DISTRICT.**

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