

HOUSE BILL 135

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By: **Delegates Nathan–Pulliam, Aumann, Barve, Benson, Bobo, Burns, Frush, Gutierrez, Harrison, Hecht, Hubbard, James, Kirk, Krysiak, Lafferty, Minnick, Proctor, and Stukes**

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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Transportation – Free Public Transportation During Off–Peak Hours for**
3 **Senior Citizens**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Transportation to issue, without cost,
5 certain transit passes in a certain form to certain individuals who are at least a
6 certain age for use during certain off–peak hours; requiring the Department to
7 adopt certain regulations; defining certain terms; changing a certain reference
8 from elderly persons to seniors; and generally relating to free transit passes for
9 certain senior citizens for travel during off–peak hours.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article – Transportation
12 Section 7–102.1(e)
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

15 BY adding to
16 Article – Transportation
17 Section 7–102.2
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

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

22 **Article – Transportation**

23 7–102.1.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (e) The public interest requires the development of an effective and efficient
2 transit service to meet the special needs of [elderly] SENIORS and handicapped
3 persons.

4 **7-102.2.**

5 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE
6 MEANINGS INDICATED.

7 (2) "SENIOR CITIZEN" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS AT LEAST
8 62 YEARS OLD.

9 (3) "OFF-PEAK HOURS" MEANS THE HOURS BETWEEN:

10 (I) 9:00 A.M. AND 3:30 P.M.; AND

11 (II) 6:30 P.M. AND 6:30 A.M. THE FOLLOWING DAY.

12 (B) ON REQUEST, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ISSUE TO EACH SENIOR
13 CITIZEN RESIDENT IN THE STATE AN ANNUAL TRANSIT PASS, WITHOUT COST, IN
14 THE FORM OF A MAGNETIC PASS OR LOADED SMART CARD, FOR LOCAL BUS,
15 LIGHT RAIL, OR METRO SUBWAY SERVICE PROVIDED DURING OFF-PEAK HOURS BY
16 THE ADMINISTRATION OR BY A TRANSIT SERVICE OPERATED BY A LOCAL
17 GOVERNMENT.

18 (C) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT
19 THIS SECTION.

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
21 October 1, 2008.