

# HOUSE BILL 956

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Thomas J. Hatem Memorial Bridge Deck Replacement – Susquehanna River**  
3 **Region E–Z Pass – Pilot Program**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Transportation Authority to provide for a  
5 Susquehanna River Region E–Z Pass that is valid only at the Thomas J. Hatem  
6 Memorial Bridge and a certain portion of the John F. Kennedy Memorial  
7 Highway for a certain time period; providing for the purchase of a Susquehanna  
8 River Region E–Z Pass; limiting use of the Susquehanna River Region E–Z Pass  
9 to certain types of motor vehicles; requiring registration for the Susquehanna  
10 River Region E–Z Pass and establishing certain registration procedures;  
11 establishing a maximum fee for the Susquehanna River Region E–Z Pass;  
12 authorizing the Authority to adopt certain regulations; requiring the Authority  
13 to review the fiscal impact of providing a Susquehanna River Region E–Z Pass  
14 and to report to the General Assembly on the feasibility of providing the E–Z  
15 Pass on a permanent basis; and generally relating to the use of a Susquehanna  
16 River Region E–Z Pass on the Thomas J. Hatem Memorial Bridge and the John  
17 F. Kennedy Memorial Highway.

18 BY adding to

19 Article – Transportation  
20 Section 4–406  
21 Annotated Code of Maryland  
22 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

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

25 **Article – Transportation**

26 **4–406.**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           (A) (1) THE AUTHORITY SHALL PROVIDE FOR A SUSQUEHANNA  
2 RIVER REGION E-Z PASS THAT IS VALID ONLY FOR THE THOMAS J. HATEM  
3 MEMORIAL BRIDGE AND THAT PORTION OF THE JOHN F. KENNEDY MEMORIAL  
4 HIGHWAY WITHIN CECIL COUNTY AND HARFORD COUNTY.

5           (2) THE SUSQUEHANNA RIVER REGION E-Z PASS SHALL ONLY  
6 BE VALID FROM THE COMMENCEMENT OF ANY CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY  
7 RELATED TO THE DECK REPLACEMENT PROJECT FOR THE THOMAS J. HATEM  
8 MEMORIAL BRIDGE, AS PLANNED FOR IN THE CONSOLIDATED  
9 TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEARS 2008 THROUGH 2013, UNTIL 1  
10 MONTH AFTER THE COMPLETION OF THE DECK REPLACEMENT PROJECT.

11           (3) THE AUTHORITY SHALL:

12                   (I) PROVIDE THE SUSQUEHANNA RIVER REGION E-Z PASS  
13 ONLY TO THOSE INDIVIDUALS PROPERLY REGISTERED UNDER THIS SECTION;

14                   (II) ACCEPT THE SUSQUEHANNA RIVER REGION E-Z PASS  
15 FOR TWO-AXLE VEHICLES ONLY AND MAY NOT ACCEPT THE DEVICE FOR  
16 VEHICLES TOWING OTHER VEHICLES OR VEHICLES BEING TOWED; AND

17                   (III) CHARGE NOT MORE THAN \$10 ANNUALLY FOR THE  
18 SUSQUEHANNA RIVER REGION E-Z PASS PROVIDED UNDER THIS SECTION.

19           (4) THE AUTHORITY SHALL MAKE THE SUSQUEHANNA RIVER  
20 REGION E-Z PASS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE ONLY AT THE ADMINISTRATIVE  
21 OFFICES OF THE AUTHORITY IN CECIL COUNTY AND PARTICIPATING  
22 MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES.

23           (B) A PERSON MAY REGISTER FOR THE SUSQUEHANNA RIVER REGION  
24 E-Z PASS UNDER THIS SECTION ONLY IF THE PERSON:

25                   (1) SUBMITS AN APPLICATION AND REGISTERS TO PURCHASE  
26 THE SUSQUEHANNA RIVER REGION E-Z PASS IN PERSON;

27                   (2) PAYS THE \$10 ANNUAL FEE REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION;  
28 AND

29                   (3) PROVIDES ANY OTHER INFORMATION THAT MAY BE  
30 REQUIRED BY THE AUTHORITY.

31           (C) THE AUTHORITY MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS  
32 SECTION.

1           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, after the Susquehanna  
2 River Region E-Z Pass (E-Z Pass) expires according to the provisions of this Act, the  
3 Maryland Transportation Authority shall review the fiscal impact of providing the E-Z  
4 Pass, and within 6 months of the E-Z Pass expiration shall report to the General  
5 Assembly, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on the  
6 feasibility of providing the E-Z Pass on a permanent basis.

7           SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
8 June 1, 2008.