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## By: Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request - Departmental - Transportation)

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1	AN ACT concerning
2	Maryland Transportation Authority – Bonding Authority
3	FOR the purpose of modifying a certain limit on the issuance of certain debt by the
4 5	Maryland Transportation Authority; and generally relating to Maryland Transportation Authority revenue bonds and the issuance of debt.
6 7 8 9 10	BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article – Transportation Section 4–306 Annotated Code of Maryland (2001 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)
11 12	SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
13	Article - Transportation
14	4–306.
15 16	(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, revenue bonds may be issued by the Authority:
17 18	(1) Without obtaining the consent of any instrumentality, agency, or unit of this State; and
19 20	(2) Without any proceedings or the happening of any conditions or things other than those specifically required by this subtitle.



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- (b) (1) Revenue bonds secured by toll revenue may be issued in any amount as long as the aggregate outstanding and unpaid principal balance of the revenue bonds secured by toll revenue and revenue bonds of prior issues does not exceed [\$1,900,000,000] **\$3,000,000,000** on June 30 of any year.
- (2) Except as otherwise provided in this section and § 4–205 of this title, without the approval of the General Assembly, the Authority may issue bonds to refinance all or any part of the cost of a transportation facility project for which the Authority previously issued bonds authorized under this subtitle.
- 9 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect 10 July 1, 2008.