HOUSE BILL 881

By: **Delegates Sossi, Smigiel, and Walkup**
Introduced and read first time: February 12, 2009
Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1   AN ACT concerning

2   **Chesapeake Bay Bridge – Inspection by Independent Entity Required**

3   FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Transportation Authority to cause an
4   inspection to be conducted of all elements of the superstructure and
5   substructure of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge on or before a certain date;
6   requiring the Authority to retain the services of an entity that is independent of
7   and not affiliated with the Authority to conduct the inspection; requiring the
8   Authority to mandate that the entity conducting the inspection use the most
9   exacting and state–of–the–art technology in the industry to complete its
10   evaluation; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to
11   an inspection of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge by an independent entity.

12   SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
13   MARYLAND, That:

14   (1)   On or before December 31, 2009, the Maryland Transportation Authority
15   shall cause an inspection to be conducted of all elements of the superstructure and
16   substructure of the twin spans of the William Preston Lane, Jr. Memorial Bridge
17   (Chesapeake Bay Bridge).

18   (2)   For the purposes of the inspection, the Authority shall:

19   (i)   retain the services of an entity that is independent of and that is
20   not affiliated in any way with the Authority; and

21   (ii)   require that the entity that conducts the inspection use the most
22   exacting and state–of–the–art technology available for such purposes in the industry
23   to complete its evaluation.

24   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency
25   measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety,

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EXPLANATION: **CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.**
    [Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

1   has been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three–fifths of all the members
2   elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from
3   the date it is enacted.