

# SENATE BILL 476

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By: Senator Pipkin

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Assigned to: Finance

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning  
2 **Transportation – Chesapeake Bay Bridge Crossing – Environmental Impact**  
3 **Study for a Third Span**

4 FOR the purpose of explicitly stating the power of the Maryland Transportation  
5 Authority to conduct or coordinate a study of the environmental impact of a  
6 proposed transportation facility; requiring the Maryland Transportation  
7 Authority, in collaboration with certain other agencies, to commence the  
8 process, on or before a certain date, to conduct and complete an Environmental  
9 Impact Study for a third crossing of the Chesapeake Bay; requiring that the  
10 Environmental Impact Study be for a span at a certain location; and generally  
11 relating to an Environmental Impact Study for a third span of the Chesapeake  
12 Bay.

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
14 Article – Transportation  
15 Section 4–205  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (2008 Replacement Volume)

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

20 **Article – Transportation**

21 4–205.

22 (a) Subject to § 4–306 of this title and in addition to the powers otherwise  
23 specifically granted by law, the Authority has the powers described in this section.

24 (b) The Authority may acquire, hold, and dispose of property in the exercise  
25 of its powers and performance of its duties.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



4 (2) Not less than 45 days before entering into any contract or  
5 agreement to acquire or construct a revenue-producing transportation facilities  
6 project, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the Authority shall  
7 provide, to the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, the House Committee on  
8 Ways and Means, and the House Appropriations Committee, for review and comment,  
9 and to the Department of Legislative Services, a description of the proposed project, a  
10 summary of the contract or agreement, and a financing plan that details:

11 (i) The estimated annual revenue from the issuance of bonds to  
12 finance the project; and

13 (ii) The estimated impact of the issuance of bonds to finance the  
14 project on the bonding capacity of the Authority.

15 (3) (i) 1. In this paragraph the following words have the  
16 meanings indicated.

36 1. The length of the proposed lease;

18 (2) The expense of employing these persons may be paid only from  
19 revenues or from the proceeds of revenue bonds issued by the Authority.

20 (e) The Authority may apply for and receive grants from any federal agency  
21 for the planning, construction, operation, or financing of any transportation facilities  
22 project and may receive aid or contributions of money, property, labor, or other things  
23 of value from any source, to be held, used, and applied for the purposes for which the  
24 grants, aid, and contributions are made.

25 (f) The Authority may adopt rules and regulations to carry out the  
26 provisions of this title.

31 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, acting on behalf of the  
32 Maryland Department of Transportation, on or before January 1, 2010, the Maryland  
33 Transportation Authority, in collaboration with the Maryland Department of the  
34 Environment, the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, the United States  
35 Environmental Protection Agency, and any other relevant federal agency, shall take  
36 the steps necessary to commence the process to conduct and complete an  
37 Environmental Impact Study for a third bridge to span the Chesapeake Bay that is  
38 located either:

7 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
8 October 1, 2009.