

SENATE BILL 483

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EMERGENCY BILL

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By: **Senator Pipkin**

Introduced and read first time: February 4, 2009

Assigned to: Finance

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,

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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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.