

SENATE BILL 458

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By: ~~Senator Pipkin~~ Senators Pipkin, Astle, Garagiola, Glassman, Kittleman, Klausmeier, Mathias, Middleton, Muse, and Pugh

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Department of Transportation and Maryland Transportation**
3 **Authority – Enhanced Inspection of Bridges – Adoption of Regulations**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Department of Transportation, in
5 consultation with the Maryland Transportation Authority, to adopt, by a certain
6 date, regulations concerning enhanced inspection of bridges in the State;
7 requiring the regulations to include certain policies and practices; authorizing
8 the Maryland Department of Transportation and the Maryland Transportation
9 Authority to supplement or revise certain policies or practices for a certain
10 purpose; and generally relating to regulations governing enhanced inspection of
11 bridges in the State.

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

14 (1) On or before ~~December 31, 2011~~ July 1, 2012, the Maryland
15 Department of Transportation, in consultation with the Maryland Transportation
16 Authority, shall adopt regulations governing the inspection of all bridges in the State
17 to augment current visual inspection policies and practices.

18 (2) The regulations required under this section shall include policies
19 and practices that:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

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1 (i) support expanded research and development for
2 nondestructive evaluation technologies for bridge inspection;

3 (ii) ensure that measurement techniques are safe and reliable;

4 (iii) are cost effective and practical for use in the field for bridge
5 inspection; and

6 (iv) ~~provide incentives and encouragement to~~ encourage bridge
7 owners to use newly developed technology, policies, and practices to enhance visual
8 bridge inspection.

9 (3) The Maryland Department of Transportation and the Maryland
10 Transportation Authority, in order to enhance safety, may supplement or revise any
11 policies or practices adopted under the regulations required under this section.

12 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
13 June 1, 2011.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.