

# HOUSE BILL 1515

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By: **The Speaker (By Request – Administration)**

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Transportation Infrastructure Investment Act of 2013**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the distribution of motor fuel tax revenue; reducing  
4 certain motor fuel tax rates on a certain date; requiring that certain motor fuel  
5 tax rates be increased on a certain date each year based on the percentage  
6 growth in a certain index; requiring the Comptroller to determine and announce  
7 the percentage growth in a certain index and certain motor fuel tax rates on a  
8 certain date each year; requiring that certain motor fuel tax rates remain  
9 unchanged if there is a decline or no growth in a certain index; requiring the  
10 Comptroller to determine and announce a certain average retail price of motor  
11 fuel and a certain sales and use tax equivalent rate on a certain date each year;  
12 requiring a certain sales and use tax equivalent rate to be added to certain  
13 motor fuel tax rates and collected in the same manner as the motor fuel tax;  
14 providing that certain State laws and regulations that apply to the motor fuel  
15 tax also apply to a certain sales and use tax equivalent rate; requiring the  
16 Comptroller to determine a certain average retail price of motor fuel and a  
17 certain sales and use tax equivalent rate in a certain manner; altering certain  
18 provisions prohibiting the reversion or crediting of funds in the Transportation  
19 Trust Fund to the General Fund or a special fund except under certain  
20 circumstances; authorizing the use of funds in the Transportation Trust Fund  
21 for defense or relief purposes under certain circumstances; altering certain  
22 provisions requiring the repayment of funds transferred or diverted from the  
23 Transportation Trust Fund in a certain manner; requiring the Governor to  
24 include certain appropriations for a certain purpose in the operating or capital  
25 budgets for certain fiscal years; requiring the Maryland Transit Administration  
26 to increase fares for certain transit services in a certain manner; altering the  
27 amount of a certain surcharge required to be paid in addition to the registration  
28 fee required for certain motor vehicles; altering the distribution of sales and use  
29 tax revenue to the Transportation Trust Fund under certain circumstances;  
30 altering the manner in which a certain sales and use tax equivalent rate  
31 imposed on motor fuel is determined under certain circumstances; requiring the

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 Governor to appoint a certain task force to study regional transit financing and  
2 local transportation revenues; requiring the task force to submit a report to the  
3 Governor and the General Assembly by a certain date; repealing certain  
4 obsolete provisions; defining certain terms; providing for the effective dates of  
5 this Act; providing for the termination of certain provisions of this Act; and  
6 generally relating to transportation financing and transportation infrastructure  
7 investment.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9 Article – Tax – General  
10 Section 2–1103, 2–1303, and 9–305  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

13 BY adding to  
14 Article – Tax – General  
15 Section 2–1302.2 and 9–306  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

18 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
19 Article – Transportation  
20 Section 3–216, 3–217, and 7–208(b–1)  
21 Annotated Code of Maryland  
22 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

23 BY adding to  
24 Article – Transportation  
25 Section 8–613.3  
26 Annotated Code of Maryland  
27 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

28 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
29 Article – Transportation  
30 Section 13–954  
31 Annotated Code of Maryland  
32 (2012 Replacement Volume)

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

35 **Article – Tax – General**

36 2–1103.

37 After making the distributions required under §§ 2–1101 and 2–1102 of this  
38 subtitle, the Comptroller shall distribute:

1 (1) the remaining motor fuel tax revenue from aviation fuel to the  
2 Transportation Trust Fund; [and]

3 (2) all remaining motor fuel tax revenue, equal to the average  
4 percentage by which the motor fuel tax rate exceeds 18.5 cents per gallon, **NOT**  
5 **INCLUDING REVENUE ATTRIBUTABLE TO AN INCREASE IN THE MOTOR FUEL TAX**  
6 **RATES UNDER § 9-305(C) OF THIS ARTICLE OR REVENUE ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE**  
7 **SALES AND USE TAX EQUIVALENT RATE IMPOSED UNDER § 9-306 OF THIS**  
8 **ARTICLE**, to the Gasoline and Motor Vehicle Revenue Account in the Transportation  
9 Trust Fund;

10 (3) **REVENUE ATTRIBUTABLE TO AN INCREASE IN THE MOTOR**  
11 **FUEL TAX RATES IMPOSED UNDER § 9-305(C) OF THIS ARTICLE TO THE**  
12 **TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND; AND**

13 (4) **REVENUE ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE SALES AND USE TAX**  
14 **EQUIVALENT RATE IMPOSED UNDER § 9-306 OF THIS ARTICLE TO THE**  
15 **TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND.**

16 9-305.

17 (A) [The] **EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTIONS (B) AND (C) OF THIS**  
18 **SECTION, THE** motor fuel tax rate is:

19 (1) 7 cents for each gallon of aviation gasoline;

20 (2) 23.5 cents for each gallon of gasoline other than aviation gasoline;

21 (3) 24.25 cents for each gallon of special fuel other than clean-burning  
22 fuel or turbine fuel;

23 (4) 7 cents for each gallon of turbine fuel; and

24 (5) 23.5 cents for each gasoline-equivalent gallon of clean-burning  
25 fuel except electricity.

26 (B) **SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, THE MOTOR FUEL**  
27 **TAX RATE EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013, IS:**

28 (1) **7 CENTS FOR EACH GALLON OF AVIATION GASOLINE;**

29 (2) **18.5 CENTS FOR EACH GALLON OF GASOLINE OTHER THAN**  
30 **AVIATION GASOLINE;**

1           **(3) 24.25 CENTS FOR EACH GALLON OF SPECIAL FUEL OTHER**  
2 **THAN CLEAN-BURNING FUEL OR TURBINE FUEL;**

3           **(4) 7 CENTS FOR EACH GALLON OF TURBINE FUEL; AND**

4           **(5) 18.5 CENTS FOR EACH GASOLINE-EQUIVALENT GALLON OF**  
5 **CLEAN-BURNING FUEL EXCEPT ELECTRICITY.**

6           **(C) (1) THE MOTOR FUEL TAX RATES SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION**  
7 **(B)(2), (3), AND (5) OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE INCREASED ON JULY 1, 2013,**  
8 **AND JULY 1 OF EACH SUBSEQUENT YEAR IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS**  
9 **SUBSECTION.**

10           **(2) ON OR BEFORE JUNE 1 OF EACH YEAR, THE COMPTROLLER**  
11 **SHALL DETERMINE AND ANNOUNCE:**

12                   **(I) THE GROWTH IN THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR ALL**  
13 **URBAN CONSUMERS AS DETERMINED BY THE COMPTROLLER UNDER**  
14 **PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION; AND**

15                   **(II) THE MOTOR FUEL TAX RATES EFFECTIVE FOR THE**  
16 **FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING ON THE FOLLOWING JULY 1 AS DETERMINED BY THE**  
17 **COMPTROLLER UNDER PARAGRAPH (4) OR (5) OF THIS SUBSECTION.**

18           **(3) (I) IN THIS PARAGRAPH, “CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR**  
19 **ALL URBAN CONSUMERS” MEANS THE INDEX PUBLISHED MONTHLY BY THE**  
20 **BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR THAT IS**  
21 **THE U.S. CITY AVERAGE OF ALL ITEMS IN A BASKET OF CONSUMER GOODS AND**  
22 **SERVICES.**

23                   **(II) THE PERCENTAGE GROWTH IN THE CONSUMER PRICE**  
24 **INDEX FOR ALL URBAN CONSUMERS SHALL BE DETERMINED BY COMPARING**  
25 **THE AVERAGE OF THE INDEX FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDING ON THE PRECEDING**  
26 **APRIL 30 TO THE AVERAGE OF THE INDEX FOR THE PRIOR 12 MONTHS.**

27           **(4) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (6) OF THIS SUBSECTION, ON JULY**  
28 **1, 2013, THE MOTOR FUEL TAX RATES SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (B)(2), (3),**  
29 **AND (5) OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE INCREASED BY THE AMOUNT, ROUNDED TO**  
30 **THE NEAREST ONE-TENTH OF A CENT, THAT EQUALS THE PRODUCT OF**  
31 **MULTIPLYING:**

32                   **(I) THE MOTOR FUEL TAX RATES SPECIFIED IN**  
33 **SUBSECTION (B)(2), (3), AND (5) OF THIS SECTION; AND**

1                   **(II) THE PERCENTAGE GROWTH IN THE CONSUMER PRICE**  
2 **INDEX FOR ALL URBAN CONSUMERS.**

3                   **(5) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (6) OF THIS SUBSECTION, ON JULY**  
4 **1, 2014, AND ON JULY 1 OF EACH SUBSEQUENT YEAR, EACH MOTOR FUEL TAX**  
5 **RATE SHALL BE INCREASED BY THE AMOUNT, ROUNDED TO THE NEAREST**  
6 **ONE-TENTH OF A CENT, THAT EQUALS THE PRODUCT OF MULTIPLYING:**

7                   **(I) THE MOTOR FUEL TAX RATE IN EFFECT ON THE DATE OF**  
8 **THE COMPTROLLER'S ANNOUNCEMENT UNDER PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS**  
9 **SUBSECTION; AND**

10                   **(II) THE PERCENTAGE GROWTH IN THE CONSUMER PRICE**  
11 **INDEX FOR ALL URBAN CONSUMERS.**

12                   **(6) IF THERE IS A DECLINE OR NO GROWTH IN THE CONSUMER**  
13 **PRICE INDEX FOR ALL URBAN CONSUMERS, THE MOTOR FUEL TAX RATES SHALL**  
14 **REMAIN UNCHANGED.**

15                   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland  
16 read as follows:

17   **Article – Tax – General**

18                   **9-306.**

19                   **(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE**  
20 **MEANINGS INDICATED.**

21                   **(2) “AVERAGE ANNUAL RETAIL PRICE” MEANS THE 12-MONTH**  
22 **AVERAGE RETAIL PRICE PER GALLON OF MOTOR FUEL PURCHASED IN THE**  
23 **STATE DETERMINED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION.**

24                   **(3) “SALES AND USE TAX EQUIVALENT RATE” MEANS THE PER**  
25 **GALLON TAX RATE CALCULATED BASED ON A PERCENTAGE OF THE AVERAGE**  
26 **ANNUAL RETAIL PRICE OF MOTOR FUEL IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (E)**  
27 **OF THIS SECTION.**

28                   **(B) ON OR BEFORE JUNE 1 OF EACH YEAR, THE COMPTROLLER SHALL**  
29 **DETERMINE AND ANNOUNCE:**

30                   **(1) THE AVERAGE ANNUAL RETAIL PRICE OF MOTOR FUEL; AND**



1 3-216.

2 (a) There is a Transportation Trust Fund for the Department.

3 (b) Except as otherwise expressly provided by statute, there shall be credited  
4 to the Transportation Trust Fund for the account of the Department all taxes, fees,  
5 charges, and revenues collected or received by or paid, appropriated, or credited to the  
6 account of the Department or any of its units in the exercise of their rights, powers,  
7 duties, or obligations, including the cash proceeds of the sale of consolidated  
8 transportation bonds, notes, or other evidences of obligation issued by the  
9 Department, any General Fund appropriations, and the proceeds of any State loan or  
10 federal grant made for transportation purposes.

11 (c) (1) There shall be maintained in the Transportation Trust Fund one or  
12 more sinking fund accounts to which shall be credited and from which shall be paid,  
13 from the proceeds of the taxes levied and imposed for that purpose or from any other  
14 funds of the Department, amounts sufficient at all times to meet the debt service on  
15 all bonds of prior issues and consolidated transportation bonds from time to time  
16 outstanding and unpaid.

17 (2) (i) The Gasoline and Motor Vehicle Revenue Account, the  
18 Driver Education Account, and the Motorcycle Safety Program Account shall be  
19 maintained in the Transportation Trust Fund.

20 (ii) In each fiscal year, the Department shall budget from  
21 federal funds available to the Department, other funds in the Transportation Trust  
22 Fund, and any other funds available to the Department, an amount sufficient to fund  
23 projects and programs determined by the Secretary to be necessary to achieve the  
24 bicycle and pedestrian transportation goals identified for the fiscal year under Title 2,  
25 Subtitle 6 of this article.

26 (d) (1) After meeting its debt service requirements, the Department may  
27 use the funds in the Transportation Trust Fund for any lawful purpose related to the  
28 exercise of its rights, powers, duties, and obligations.

29 (2) Expenditures under this subsection shall be made in accordance  
30 with any appropriation provided for in any applicable budget bill or supplementary  
31 appropriation bill. However, an appropriation proposed to be made to any unit in the  
32 Department or proposed to be made for any designated transportation activity,  
33 function, or undertaking that has been reduced by the General Assembly may not be  
34 restored, for the same purpose as originally proposed, except in an emergency, by the  
35 budget amendment procedure of § 7-209 of the State Finance and Procurement  
36 Article, or otherwise if the General Assembly in striking or reducing the appropriation,  
37 prohibited its restoration. However, except for emergency capital projects, if the  
38 General Assembly explicitly reduces in the budget bill an appropriation proposed for a  
39 major capital project as defined in § 2-103.1(a)(4) of this article, the appropriation may

1 not be restored for the same purpose as originally proposed by the budget amendment  
2 procedure of § 7–209 of the State Finance and Procurement Article or otherwise unless  
3 the General Assembly, in striking or reducing the appropriation, expressly authorized  
4 its restoration.

5 [(3) (i) During the period of fiscal years 1988 through 1992 as  
6 included in the annual State Report on Transportation, the Department shall utilize  
7 all of its share of the revenues attributable to the 5 cent increase of the motor fuel tax  
8 under the provisions of Chapter 291 of the Acts of 1987 and credited to the  
9 Transportation Trust Fund under § 2–1104 of the Tax – General Article and the  
10 proceeds of any increased indebtedness based on that revenue and credited to the  
11 Transportation Trust Fund to fund Department projects for the construction,  
12 reconstruction, and rehabilitation of the State highway system.

13 (ii) During the period of fiscal year 1988 through fiscal year  
14 1992 the total level of State funds appropriated to the State Highway Administration  
15 for construction, reconstruction and rehabilitation of the State highway system,  
16 including the revenues referred to in subparagraph (i) above, shall be at least 70  
17 percent of the total appropriation of State funds in the consolidated transportation  
18 capital program.

19 (iii) The Secretary of the Department shall submit, subject to §  
20 2–1246 of the State Government Article, to the Legislative Policy Committee and the  
21 Department of Legislative Services a report:

22 1. Prior to the beginning of each session through the  
23 1991 session, detailing the intended use of the new revenues; and

24 2. Prior to the beginning of each session beginning with  
25 the 1989 session and through the 1993 session, detailing the actual use of the new  
26 revenues in the prior fiscal year.

27 (4) Of the new revenues derived under the provisions of Chapter 291  
28 of the Acts of 1987 and credited to the Department, \$31,000,000 shall be transferred to  
29 the Maryland Emergency Medical Service System Fund at such time as determined by  
30 the Secretary of Budget and Management.]

31 [(5) (3) For each fiscal year, the Department shall use the funds in  
32 the Transportation Trust Fund for the purposes specified in subsection (c)(2)(ii) of this  
33 section, which may include construction and maintenance of:

34 (i) Public bicycle areas as defined in § 21–101(o) of this article;

35 (ii) Bicycle ways as defined in § 21–101(d) of this article; and

36 (iii) Sidewalks as defined in § 21–101(w) of this article.



1           **[(6)] (4)** Each year, before the General Assembly considers the  
2 proposed Maryland Transportation Plan and the Consolidated Transportation  
3 Program, the Department shall report to the General Assembly, in accordance with §  
4 2–1246 of the State Government Article, on:

5                   (i) The expenditures made toward the attainment of the bicycle  
6 and pedestrian transportation goals during the preceding fiscal year under Title 2,  
7 Subtitle 6 of this article; and

8                   (ii) The progress made toward attainment of the bicycle and  
9 pedestrian transportation goals identified for the fiscal year under Title 2, Subtitle 6 of  
10 this article.

11           (e) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, this section is  
12 effective notwithstanding any other provision of law.

13                   (2) Nothing in this section may adversely affect in any way the  
14 security of any of the following bonds while they are outstanding and unpaid:

15                           (i) State highway construction bonds, second issue;

16                           (ii) State highway construction bonds, third issue;

17                           (iii) County highway construction bonds; or

18                           (iv) County highway construction bonds, second issue.

19                   (3) It is the intent of the General Assembly that, as long as any of the  
20 bonds listed in paragraph (2) of this subsection are outstanding and unpaid:

21                           (i) The sinking fund requirements established for the payment  
22 of the principal of and interest on those bonds shall remain unchanged, as if this  
23 section had not been enacted; and

24                           (ii) The taxes and revenues pledged to the payment of the  
25 principal of and interest on those bonds as they become due and payable may not be  
26 repealed, diminished, or applied to any other purpose until:

27                                   1. The bonds and the interest on them have become due  
28 and fully paid; or

29                                   2. Adequate and complete provision for payment of the  
30 principal and interest has been made.

31           (f) (1) **[No] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPHS (3) AND (6) OF**  
32 **THIS SUBSECTION, NO** part of the Transportation Trust Fund may [revert or] be  
33 **[credited] TRANSFERRED OR DIVERTED** to the [general funds] **GENERAL FUND** of

1 [this State] THE STATE UNLESS APPROVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
2 THROUGH LEGISLATION PASSED BY A THREE-FIFTHS MAJORITY VOTE OF THE  
3 FULL STANDING COMMITTEE ASSIGNED THE LEGISLATION IN EACH OF THE TWO  
4 HOUSES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND ENACTED INTO LAW.

5 (2) [No] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPHS (3) AND (6) OF  
6 THIS SUBSECTION, NO part of the Transportation Trust Fund may [revert or] be  
7 [credited] TRANSFERRED OR DIVERTED to a special fund of the State, unless  
8 [otherwise provided by law] APPROVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THROUGH  
9 LEGISLATION PASSED BY A THREE-FIFTHS MAJORITY VOTE OF THE FULL  
10 STANDING COMMITTEE ASSIGNED THE LEGISLATION IN EACH OF THE TWO  
11 HOUSES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND ENACTED INTO LAW. No part of the  
12 Transportation Trust Fund may [revert or] be [credited] TRANSFERRED OR  
13 DIVERTED to a special fund of the State pursuant to the provisions of § 7-209(e)(2) of  
14 the State Finance and Procurement Article, unless [the transfer is approved by the  
15 Legislative Policy Committee. Failure of the Legislative Policy Committee to reject the  
16 transfer within 15 days after presentation before the Legislative Policy Committee  
17 shall be deemed to be approval] THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS PARAGRAPH HAVE  
18 BEEN SATISFIED.

19 [(2) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, for fiscal year 1984  
20 only, \$29,000,000 of the funds in the Transportation Trust Fund which are not  
21 required by law to be distributed to the counties or Baltimore City and which have not  
22 been pledged or otherwise committed to the payment of or as security for the payment  
23 of any bonds or debt issued or incurred pursuant to this article shall be transferred  
24 and credited to the general funds of the State on or before June 30, 1984 and shall be  
25 available for appropriation from the general funds in fiscal year 1984.]

26 (3) FUNDS IN THE TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND MAY BE USED  
27 FOR DEFENSE OR RELIEF PURPOSES ONLY IF:

28 (I) THE STATE IS INVADED BY LAND, SEA, OR AIR OR A  
29 MAJOR CATASTROPHE OCCURS; AND

30 (II) THE GOVERNOR:

31 1. PROCLAIMS A STATE OF EMERGENCY; AND

32 2. DECLARES THAT THE USE OF THE FUNDS FOR  
33 DEFENSE OR RELIEF PURPOSES IS NECESSARY FOR THE IMMEDIATE  
34 PRESERVATION OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH OR SAFETY.

35 (4) BEFORE THE ENACTMENT OF LEGISLATION UNDER  
36 PARAGRAPH (1) OR (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION OR THE ISSUANCE OF AN

1 EMERGENCY DECLARATION UNDER PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION TO  
2 TRANSFER OR DIVERT FUNDS FROM THE TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND TO  
3 THE GENERAL FUND OR A SPECIAL FUND, THE TREASURER SHALL ADVISE THE  
4 GOVERNOR AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE POTENTIAL IMPACT OF THE  
5 TRANSFER OR DIVERSION ON THE CREDIT RATING OF BONDS OR OTHER DEBT  
6 INSTRUMENTS ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

7 (5) (I) BEFORE THE ENACTMENT OF LEGISLATION UNDER  
8 PARAGRAPH (1) OR (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION OR THE ISSUANCE OF AN  
9 EMERGENCY DECLARATION UNDER PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION TO  
10 TRANSFER OR DIVERT FUNDS FROM THE TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND TO  
11 THE GENERAL FUND OR A SPECIAL FUND, A DETERMINATION SHALL BE MADE  
12 OF THE POTENTIAL IMPACT OF THE TRANSFER OR DIVERSION ON THE  
13 ADDITIONAL BONDS TEST SET FORTH IN THE SECRETARY'S RESOLUTION AND  
14 THE CREDIT RATING OF BONDS OR OTHER DEBT INSTRUMENTS ISSUED BY THE  
15 DEPARTMENT.

16 (II) A TRANSFER OR DIVERSION MAY NOT OCCUR IF IT IS  
17 DETERMINED THAT THE TRANSFER OR DIVERSION WOULD:

18 1. CAUSE THE DEPARTMENT TO FAIL THE  
19 ADDITIONAL BONDS TEST; OR

20 2. RESULT IN A DOWNGRADE OF THE  
21 DEPARTMENT'S BONDS.

22 (6) THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO A DISTRIBUTION OF  
23 HIGHWAY USER REVENUES TO COUNTIES, MUNICIPALITIES, AND BALTIMORE  
24 CITY UNDER § 8-403 OF THIS ARTICLE.

25 3-217.

26 (a) [Beginning July 1, 2012,] ANY funds in the Transportation Trust Fund  
27 [may not be] transferred or diverted from that Fund to the General Fund [unless  
28 legislation is enacted prior to the transfer or diversion that provides for repayment of  
29 the funds to the Transportation Trust Fund] OR A SPECIAL FUND SHALL BE REPAID  
30 within 5 years after the transfer or diversion AS FOLLOWS:

31 (1) AT LEAST 10 PERCENT OF A TRANSFER OR DIVERSION IN A  
32 FISCAL YEAR SHALL BE REPAID IN THE FIRST FISCAL YEAR AFTER THE  
33 TRANSFER OR DIVERSION;

1           **(2) A CUMULATIVE TOTAL OF AT LEAST 30 PERCENT OF A**  
2 **TRANSFER OR DIVERSION IN A FISCAL YEAR SHALL BE REPAID WITHIN 2 FISCAL**  
3 **YEARS AFTER THE TRANSFER OR DIVERSION;**

4           **(3) A CUMULATIVE TOTAL OF AT LEAST 55 PERCENT OF A**  
5 **TRANSFER OR DIVERSION IN A FISCAL YEAR SHALL BE REPAID WITHIN 3 FISCAL**  
6 **YEARS AFTER THE TRANSFER OR DIVERSION;**

7           **(4) A CUMULATIVE TOTAL OF AT LEAST 80 PERCENT OF A**  
8 **TRANSFER OR DIVERSION IN A FISCAL YEAR SHALL BE REPAID WITHIN 4 FISCAL**  
9 **YEARS AFTER THE TRANSFER OR DIVERSION; AND**

10           **(5) A CUMULATIVE TOTAL OF 100 PERCENT OF A TRANSFER OR**  
11 **DIVERSION IN A FISCAL YEAR SHALL BE REPAID WITHIN 5 FISCAL YEARS AFTER**  
12 **THE TRANSFER OR DIVERSION.**

13           (b) This section does not apply to a [transfer or diversion of funds]  
14 **DISTRIBUTION OF HIGHWAY USER REVENUES TO COUNTIES, MUNICIPALITIES,**  
15 **AND BALTIMORE CITY** under § 8-403 of this article.

16 7-208.

17           (b-1) Subject to § 7-506 of this title, the Administration:

18           (1) [Shall] **SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPHS (2) AND (3) OF THIS**  
19 **SUBSECTION, SHALL** set the fare prices and collect other operating revenues in an  
20 amount sufficient to achieve the farebox recovery requirement established in  
21 subsection (b) of this section; [and]

22           (2) **BEGINNING IN FISCAL YEAR 2015, SHALL INCREASE BASE**  
23 **FARE PRICES TO THE NEAREST 10 CENTS FOR CORE BUS, LIGHT RAIL, AND**  
24 **METRO SUBWAY SERVICES BY AT LEAST THE SAME PERCENTAGE AS THE**  
25 **TRIENNIAL INCREASE IN THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR ALL URBAN**  
26 **CONSUMERS FOR THE WASHINGTON-BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN AREA, AS**  
27 **DETERMINED FROM JANUARY 1, 2011, TO DECEMBER 31, 2013, AND EACH**  
28 **SUBSEQUENT 3-YEAR PERIOD FOR WHICH THE AMOUNT IS BEING CALCULATED;**  
29 **AND**

30           (3) May not reduce the level of services provided by the  
31 Administration for the purpose of achieving the farebox recovery requirement.

32 **8-613.3.**

1           **THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL CAPITAL BUDGET AN**  
2 **APPROPRIATION TO THE ADMINISTRATION TO BE USED TO COMPLY WITH THE**  
3 **WATERSHED IMPLEMENTATION PLAN IN THE AMOUNT OF:**

- 4           **(1)   \$45,000,000 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015;**  
5           **(2)   \$65,000,000 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016;**  
6           **(3)   \$85,000,000 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017;**  
7           **(4)   \$100,000,000 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018; AND**  
8           **(5)   \$100,000,000 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019.**

9   13-954.

10           (a)   In this section, “motor vehicle” means a:

- 11           (1)   Class A (passenger) vehicle;  
12           (2)   Class B (for hire) vehicle;  
13           (3)   Class C (funeral and ambulance) vehicle;  
14           (4)   Class D (motorcycle) vehicle;  
15           (5)   Class E (truck) vehicle;  
16           (6)   Class F (tractor) vehicle;  
17           (7)   Class H (school) vehicle;  
18           (8)   Class J (vanpool) vehicle;  
19           (9)   Class M (multipurpose) vehicle;  
20           (10)  Class P (passenger bus) vehicle;  
21           (11)  Class Q (limousine) vehicle;  
22           (12)  Class R (low speed) vehicle; or  
23           (13)  Vehicle within any other class designated by the Administrator.

1 (b) (1) In addition to the registration fee otherwise required by this title,  
2 the owner of any motor vehicle registered under this title shall pay a surcharge of  
3 ~~[\$13.50]~~ **\$17.00** per year for each motor vehicle registered.

4 (2) \$2.50 of the surcharge collected under paragraph (1) of this  
5 subsection shall be paid into the Maryland Trauma Physician Services Fund  
6 established under § 19–130 of the Health – General Article.

7 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland  
8 read as follows:

9 **Article – Tax – General**

10 **2–1302.2.**

11 **AFTER MAKING THE DISTRIBUTIONS REQUIRED UNDER §§ 2–1301**  
12 **THROUGH 2–1302.1 OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE COMPTROLLER SHALL PAY 4% OF**  
13 **THE REMAINING SALES AND USE TAX REVENUE INTO THE TRANSPORTATION**  
14 **TRUST FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER § 3–216 OF THE TRANSPORTATION**  
15 **ARTICLE.**

16 2–1303.

17 After making the distributions required under §§ 2–1301 through [2–1302.1]  
18 **2–1302.2** of this subtitle, the Comptroller shall pay:

19 (1) revenues from the hotel surcharge into the Dorchester County  
20 Economic Development Fund established under § 10–130 of the Economic  
21 Development Article; and

22 (2) the remaining sales and use tax revenue into the General Fund of  
23 the State.

24 SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland  
25 read as follows:

26 **Article – Tax – General**

27 **9–306.**

28 **(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE**  
29 **MEANINGS INDICATED.**

1           **(2) “AVERAGE ANNUAL RETAIL PRICE” MEANS THE 12-MONTH**  
2 **AVERAGE RETAIL PRICE PER GALLON OF MOTOR FUEL PURCHASED IN THE**  
3 **STATE DETERMINED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION.**

4           **(3) “SALES AND USE TAX EQUIVALENT RATE” MEANS THE PER**  
5 **GALLON TAX RATE CALCULATED BASED ON A PERCENTAGE OF THE AVERAGE**  
6 **ANNUAL RETAIL PRICE OF MOTOR FUEL IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (E)**  
7 **OF THIS SECTION.**

8           **(B) ON OR BEFORE JUNE 1 OF EACH YEAR, THE COMPTROLLER SHALL**  
9 **DETERMINE AND ANNOUNCE:**

10           **(1) THE AVERAGE ANNUAL RETAIL PRICE OF MOTOR FUEL; AND**

11           **(2) THE SALES AND USE TAX EQUIVALENT RATE EFFECTIVE ON**  
12 **THE FOLLOWING JULY 1.**

13           **(C) (1) THE SALES AND USE TAX EQUIVALENT RATE SHALL BE ADDED**  
14 **TO THE MOTOR FUEL TAX RATES SPECIFIED IN § 9-305(B)(2), (3), AND (5) OF**  
15 **THIS SUBTITLE AND COLLECTED IN THE SAME MANNER AS THE MOTOR FUEL**  
16 **TAX.**

17           **(2) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE EXPRESSLY PROVIDED BY LAW, ALL**  
18 **REFERENCES TO THE MOTOR FUEL TAX IN STATE LAW AND REGULATIONS**  
19 **APPLY TO THE SALES AND USE TAX EQUIVALENT RATE IMPOSED UNDER THIS**  
20 **SECTION.**

21           **(D) THE COMPTROLLER SHALL DETERMINE THE AVERAGE ANNUAL**  
22 **RETAIL PRICE OF MOTOR FUEL:**

23           **(1) USING DATA COMPILED BY THE OIL PRICE INFORMATION**  
24 **SERVICE OR ANOTHER GENERALLY RECOGNIZED AND RELIABLE SOURCE OF**  
25 **INFORMATION; AND**

26           **(2) BASED ON PRICES FOR REGULAR UNLEADED MOTOR FUEL,**  
27 **EXCLUDING FEDERAL AND STATE TAXES, REPORTED DURING THE 12 MONTHS**  
28 **ENDING ON THE PRECEDING APRIL 30.**

29           **(E) THE COMPTROLLER SHALL DETERMINE THE SALES AND USE TAX**  
30 **EQUIVALENT RATE BY:**

31           **(1) MULTIPLYING THE AVERAGE ANNUAL RETAIL PRICE BY 6%;**  
32 **AND**

1                   **(2)     ROUNDING THE PRODUCT TO THE NEAREST TENTH OF A CENT.**

2                   SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

3                   (a)     The Governor, in consultation with the President of the Senate of  
4 Maryland and the Speaker of the House of Delegates, shall appoint a Local and  
5 Regional Transportation Funding Task Force that includes representatives of the  
6 State and local governments. The Task Force shall study and make recommendations  
7 on the feasibility of creating regional transit financing entities and local-option  
8 transportation revenues for the purpose of raising additional funds to support regional  
9 and local transportation system needs throughout the State.

10                  (b)     On or before December 15, 2013, the Task Force shall report its findings  
11 and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State  
12 Government Article, the General Assembly.

13                  SECTION 7. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

14                  (a)     Section 4 of this Act shall take effect on the taking effect, on or after June  
15 1, 2013, but before June 1, 2015, of regulations adopted by the Comptroller that  
16 require out-of-state sellers to collect the State sales and use tax on sales by  
17 out-of-state sellers to buyers in the State as authorized under a federal law that takes  
18 effect before June 1, 2015.

19                  (b)     If Section 4 of this Act does not take effect in accordance with subsection  
20 (a) of this section, Section 4 of this Act, with no further action required by the General  
21 Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect on June 1, 2015.

22                  SECTION 8. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

23                  (a)     Section 5 of this Act shall take effect June 1, 2015, if Section 4 of this Act  
24 does not take effect before that date in accordance with Section 7 of this Act.

25                  (b)     If Section 4 of this Act takes effect, Section 5 of this Act, with no further  
26 action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force  
27 and effect on the date that Section 4 of this Act becomes effective.

28                  (c)     If Section 5 of this Act takes effect on June 1, 2015, in accordance with  
29 subsection (a) of this section, Section 2 of this Act shall be abrogated and of no further  
30 force and effect on June 1, 2015.

31                  SECTION 9. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, except as provided in  
32 Sections 7 and 8 of this Act, this Act shall take effect June 1, 2013.