

BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 730
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike beginning with the second “Transportation” in line 2 down through “Lanes” in line 3 and substitute “All-Electronic Tolling - Study”; strike beginning with “maintain” in line 4 down through “projects” in line 8 and substitute “complete a study and submit a report on the status of its initiative to implement all-electronic tolling; requiring the study to include certain matters; requiring the Authority to submit a report of its findings and recommendations to certain persons on or before a certain date; prohibiting the Authority from implementing all-electronic tolling at a certain facility before a certain date; and generally relating to all-electronic tolling”; and strike in their entirety lines 9 through 18, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, in line 20, strike “the Laws of Maryland read as follows”.

On pages 1 and 2, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 21 on page 1 through line 22 on page 2, inclusive, and substitute:

“(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) “All-electronic tolling” means electronic toll collection at highway speeds through the use of a transponder and video tolling, with no cash transactions occurring on the roadway.

(3) “Authority” means the Maryland Transportation Authority.

(4) “Project” means the:

(i) Thomas J. Hatem Memorial Bridge;

(Over)

(ii) Harry W. Nice Memorial Potomac River Bridge;

(iii) William Preston Lane, Jr. Memorial Chesapeake Bay Bridge and parallel Chesapeake Bay Bridge;

(iv) Baltimore Harbor Tunnel;

(v) Fort McHenry Tunnel;

(vi) Francis Scott Key Bridge; or

(vii) Millard Tydings Memorial Bridge.

(b) (1) The Authority shall complete a study and submit a report on the status of its initiative to implement all-electronic tolling in accordance with this subsection.

(2) The study shall include:

(i) an analysis of all-electronic tolling in other states and a description of various all-electronic tolling programs;

(ii) an analysis of electronic toll collection interoperability;

(iii) an analysis of:

1. alternative payment methods that do not exceed the existing cash toll rate at each project;

2. a video toll rate based on an analysis of actual costs and potential savings to collect video tolls; and

3. a toll rate needed to address concerns with video toll collection associated with trucks;

(iv) an analysis of issues and factors related to all-electronic tolling that must be addressed before all-electronic tolling becomes effective at each project;

(v) an overview of revisions, if any, to the Authority's initial all-electronic tolling proposal; and

(vi) proposed legislation, if required, relating to the implementation of all-electronic tolling.

(3) The Authority shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations on or before January 1, 2016, to:

(i) the County Executive and County Council of Cecil County;

(ii) the County Executive and County Council of Harford County;

(iii) the Mayor and Town Commission of the Town of Perryville;

(iv) the Mayor and City Council of the City of Havre de Grace;
and

(v) in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article,
the House Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Finance Committee.

(c) The Authority's initial proposal for all-electronic tolling at the Thomas J. Hatem Memorial Bridge is withdrawn and the Authority may not implement all-electronic tolling at the Thomas J. Hatem Memorial Bridge before January 1, 2016."