

HOUSE BILL 1263

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By: **Delegates McConkey, George, and Vitale**

Introduced and read first time: February 7, 2014

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Transportation Authority – Chesapeake Bay Bridge – Toll**
3 **Collection**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Transportation Authority to implement a
5 procedure at the William Preston Lane, Jr. Memorial Chesapeake Bay Bridge
6 by a certain date that requires that all tolls be paid by a certain electronic
7 means except at a single “cash only” lane that the Authority may provide for the
8 payment of tolls in cash; and generally relating to the collection of tolls for the
9 use of the William Preston Lane, Jr. Memorial Chesapeake Bay Bridge.

10 BY adding to

11 Article – Transportation
12 Section 4–406
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

15 Preamble

16 WHEREAS, Payment of tolls in cash impedes the flow of traffic across the
17 William Preston Lane, Jr. Memorial Chesapeake Bay Bridge; and

18 WHEREAS, Electronic toll payment allows vehicles to pass through the toll
19 plaza without pausing at a toll booth; now, therefore,

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

22 **Article – Transportation**

23 **4–406.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **BY JULY 1, 2024, THE AUTHORITY SHALL IMPLEMENT A PROCEDURE FOR**
2 **THE PAYMENT OF TOLLS AT THE WILLIAM PRESTON LANE, JR. MEMORIAL**
3 **CHESAPEAKE BAY BRIDGE THAT:**

4 **(1) MAY PROVIDE A SINGLE LANE AT THE TOLL PLAZA WHERE**
5 **MOTORISTS MAY PAY THE TOLL IN CASH, DESIGNATED AS A “CASH ONLY” LANE;**
6 **AND**

7 **(2) EXCEPT FOR A “CASH ONLY” LANE THAT THE AUTHORITY MAY**
8 **PROVIDE UNDER ITEM (1) OF THIS SECTION, REQUIRES THAT ALL TOLLS BE**
9 **PAID BY AN ELECTRONIC MEANS THAT ALLOWS VEHICLES TO PASS THROUGH**
10 **THE TOLL PLAZA WITHOUT STOPPING AT A TOLL BOOTH.**

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
12 July 1, 2014.