

# SENATE BILL 600

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Chesapeake Bay Trust and Chesapeake Conservation Corps – Funding**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the amount of money the Chesapeake Bay Trust is required to  
4 receive each fiscal year from the Environmental Trust Fund for funding certain  
5 energy conservation projects through the Chesapeake Conservation Corps Program;  
6 requiring the Maryland Transportation Authority to report to the General Assembly  
7 on the feasibility of establishing a certain donation program for the benefit of the  
8 Chesapeake Bay Trust; authorizing the Authority, if a certain determination is  
9 made, to establish a certain donation program; and generally relating to the funding  
10 of the Chesapeake Bay Trust.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
12 Article – Natural Resources  
13 Section 3–302(a)  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

16 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
17 Article – Natural Resources  
18 Section 3–302(d)(3)  
19 Annotated Code of Maryland  
20 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

21 BY adding to  
22 Article – Transportation  
23 Section 4–312(d)

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 Annotated Code of Maryland  
2 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

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

5 **Article – Natural Resources**

6 3–302.

7 (a) (1) There is an Environmental Trust Fund.

8 (2) For the purpose of this subtitle, there is established as an added cost of  
9 electricity distributed to retail electric customers within the State, an environmental  
10 surcharge per kilowatt hour of electric energy distributed in the State to be paid by any  
11 electric company as defined in § 1–101 of the Public Utilities Article. The Public Service  
12 Commission shall impose the surcharge per kilowatt hour of electric energy distributed to  
13 retail electric customers within the State and shall authorize the electric companies to add  
14 the full amount of the surcharge to retail electric customers' bills. To the extent that the  
15 surcharge is not collected from retail electric customers, the surcharge shall be deemed a  
16 cost of distribution and shall be allowed and computed as such, together with other  
17 allowable expenses, for rate-making purposes. Revenues from the surcharge shall be  
18 collected by the Comptroller and placed in the Fund.

19 (d) (3) The Chesapeake Bay Trust shall receive ~~[\$250,000]~~ **\$500,000** from the  
20 Fund each fiscal year for the purpose of funding energy conservation projects through the  
21 Chesapeake Conservation Corps Program, as provided under §§ 8–1913 through 8–1924 of  
22 this article.

23 **Article – Transportation**

24 4–312.

25 **(D) (1) ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2015, THE AUTHORITY, IN**  
26 **CONSULTATION WITH THE CHESAPEAKE BAY TRUST, SHALL REPORT TO THE**  
27 **GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2–1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT**  
28 **ARTICLE, ON THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING A DONATION PROGRAM FOR THE**  
29 **BENEFIT OF THE CHESAPEAKE BAY TRUST TO WHICH E-ZPASS ACCOUNT HOLDERS**  
30 **MAY DONATE.**

31 **(2) IF THE AUTHORITY DETERMINES THAT THE DONATION PROGRAM**  
32 **IS FEASIBLE AND APPROPRIATE, THE AUTHORITY MAY ESTABLISH, BY REGULATION,**  
33 **A DONATION PROGRAM FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CHESAPEAKE BAY TRUST TO**  
34 **WHICH E-ZPASS ACCOUNT HOLDERS MAY DONATE.**

1           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June  
2 1, 2015.