

SENATE BILL 600

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CHAPTER _____

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)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 Annotated Code of Maryland
2 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

3 BY adding to
4 Article – Transportation
5 Section 4–312(d)
6 Annotated Code of Maryland
7 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

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

10 **Article – Natural Resources**

11 3–302.

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

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

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

28 **Article – Transportation**

29 4–312.

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

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

5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
6 1, 2015.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.