

HOUSE BILL 240

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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Transportation Authority – Toll Rates**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring that tolls paid with cash for the use of any transportation
4 facilities project may not be more than comparable tolls paid using an E-ZPass; and
5 generally relating to the payment of tolls.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
7 Article – Transportation
8 Section 4–312(a)(2)
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article – Transportation
13 Section 4–312(c)
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

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

18 **Article – Transportation**

19 4–312.

20 (a) (2) As to all or any part of any transportation facilities project, the
21 Authority may:

22 (i) Fix, revise, charge, and collect rentals, rates, fees, tolls, and other
23 charges and revenues for its use or for its services; and

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (ii) Contract with any person who desires its use for any purpose and
2 fix the terms, conditions, rentals, rates, fees, tolls, or other charges or revenues for this use.

3 (c) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the rentals, rates, fees,
4 tolls, and other charges and revenues are not subject to supervision or regulation by any
5 instrumentality, agency, or unit of this State or any of its political subdivisions.

6 (2) This subtitle does not permit the exercise of any power or the
7 undertaking of any activity that would conflict with the provisions and limitations of the
8 federal Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964.

9 (3) Tolls for the use of the bridge carrying the John F. Kennedy Memorial
10 Highway over the Susquehanna River may not be less than the comparable tolls charged
11 for the use of the Susquehanna River Bridge.

12 **(4) TOLLS PAID WITH CASH FOR THE USE OF ANY TRANSPORTATION**
13 **FACILITIES PROJECT MAY NOT BE MORE THAN THE COMPARABLE TOLLS PAID USING**
14 **AN E-ZPASS.**

15 **[(4)] (5)** Prior to fixing or revising tolls on any part of any transportation
16 facilities project, the Authority shall provide, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State
17 Government Article, to the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, Senate Finance
18 Committee, House Appropriations Committee, and House Ways and Means Committee
19 information on the proposed toll charges, including:

20 (i) The annual revenues generated by the toll charges;

21 (ii) The proposed use of the revenues; and

22 (iii) The proposed commuter discount rates.

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
24 October 1, 2016.