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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Transit Administration Oversight and Planning Board**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Maryland Transit Administration Oversight and
4 Planning Board; providing for the membership, term of office, powers, duties, and
5 staffing of the Board; providing that a member of the Board may not receive
6 compensation, but is entitled to reimbursement for certain expenses; requiring the
7 Board to submit an annual report to the Secretary of Transportation, the Governor,
8 and the General Assembly; requiring the Administration to produce and submit to
9 the Board for review and approval a certain ~~strategic~~ comprehensive multimodal
10 transit development plan and certain other plans and reports; requiring the Board
11 to keep certain records on a public Web site that allows for citizen review and
12 communication; requiring the Administration to establish the Citizens Advisory
13 Council for the Maryland Transit Administration, the MARC Riders Advisory
14 Council for the Maryland Transit Administration, and the Accessible Transportation
15 Advisory Council for the Maryland Transit Administration; providing for the
16 membership, term of office, powers, and duties of the ~~Council~~ respective Councils;
17 providing that a member of ~~the~~ a Council may not receive compensation, but is
18 entitled to reimbursement for certain expenses; defining ~~a certain term~~ certain
19 terms; making a stylistic change; and generally relating to the Maryland Transit
20 Administration Oversight and Planning Board.

21 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

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 Article – Transportation
 2 Section ~~7-203~~ and 7-204(q)
 3 Annotated Code of Maryland
 4 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

5 BY adding to
 6 Article – Transportation
 7 Section 7-204(q), 7-205, ~~and 7-213~~ 7-213, 7-214, and 7-215
 8 Annotated Code of Maryland
 9 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

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

12 **Article – Transportation**

13 ~~7-203.~~

14 ~~(a) The exercise of the powers and duties of the Administration is subject to the~~
 15 ~~authority of the Secretary and, where applicable, the Maryland Transportation Authority~~
 16 ~~AND THE MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION OVERSIGHT AND PLANNING~~
 17 ~~BOARD.~~

18 ~~(b) By regulation or directive, the Secretary or, where applicable, the Maryland~~
 19 ~~Transportation Authority may require that the exercise of any power or duty of the~~
 20 ~~Administration be subject to the prior approval of the Secretary [or], the Maryland~~
 21 ~~Transportation Authority, [as the case may be] OR THE MARYLAND TRANSIT~~
 22 ~~ADMINISTRATION OVERSIGHT AND PLANNING BOARD.~~

23 7-204.

24 ~~(Q) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL DESIGNATE AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR~~
 25 ~~AND OTHER STAFF AS NEEDED TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO PROVIDE STAFF~~
 26 ~~SUPPORT FOR THE MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION OVERSIGHT AND~~
 27 ~~PLANNING BOARD ESTABLISHED UNDER § 7-205 OF THIS SUBTITLE.~~

28 ~~[(q)] (R)~~ Subject to the limitations imposed by this title, the Administration may
 29 exercise all powers reasonably necessary to the declared objects and purposes of this title.

30 **7-205.**

31 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “BOARD” MEANS THE MARYLAND TRANSIT**
 32 **ADMINISTRATION OVERSIGHT AND PLANNING BOARD.**

33 **(B) THERE IS A MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION OVERSIGHT AND**
 34 **PLANNING BOARD.**

1 (C) THE BOARD CONSISTS OF:

2 (1) THE FOLLOWING VOTING MEMBERS:

3 (I) FOUR MEMBERS FROM BALTIMORE CITY, APPOINTED AS
4 FOLLOWS:

5 1. TWO MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE MAYOR OF
6 BALTIMORE CITY; AND

7 2. TWO MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR;

8 (II) THREE MEMBERS FROM BALTIMORE COUNTY, APPOINTED
9 AS FOLLOWS:

10 1. TWO MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE COUNTY
11 EXECUTIVE OF BALTIMORE COUNTY; AND

12 2. ONE MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR;

13 (III) TWO MEMBERS FROM ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY,
14 APPOINTED AS FOLLOWS:

15 1. ONE MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE COUNTY
16 EXECUTIVE OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY; AND

17 2. ONE MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR;

18 (IV) ONE MEMBER FROM HOWARD COUNTY, APPOINTED BY THE
19 COUNTY EXECUTIVE OF HOWARD COUNTY;

20 (V) ONE MEMBER FROM HARFORD COUNTY, APPOINTED BY
21 THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE OF HARFORD COUNTY;

22 (VI) ONE MEMBER OF THE CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR
23 THE MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION, DESIGNATED BY THE COUNCIL AND
24 APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR; AND

25 (VII) ONE MEMBER OF THE MARC RIDERS ADVISORY COUNCIL
26 FOR THE MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION, DESIGNATED BY THE COUNCIL
27 AND APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR;

1 (VIII) ONE MEMBER OF THE ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORTATION
2 ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR THE MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION, DESIGNATED
3 BY THE COUNCIL AND APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR; AND

4 ~~(VII)~~ (IX) TWO MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,
5 APPOINTED AS FOLLOWS:

6 1. ONE MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE
7 SENATE; AND

8 2. ONE MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE
9 HOUSE OF DELEGATES; AND

10 (2) THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION, AS A NONVOTING
11 MEMBER, EXCEPT THAT THE SECRETARY MAY VOTE TO BREAK A TIE ON ANY ITEM
12 VOTED BY THE BOARD.

13 (3) WHEN APPOINTING THE MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
14 TO THE BOARD UNDER PARAGRAPH (1)(IX) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE PRESIDING
15 OFFICERS SHALL:

16 (I) GIVE STRONG CONSIDERATION TO MEMBERS WHOSE
17 BACKGROUND AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS INVOLVE
18 TRANSIT-RELATED MATTERS; AND

19 (II) ENDEAVOR TO ENSURE THAT THE APPOINTEES ENHANCE
20 THE GEOGRAPHIC DIVERSITY OF THE BOARD.

21 (4) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL:

22 (I) REVIEW THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD:

23 1. AT LEAST EVERY 5 YEARS; AND

24 2. WHENEVER A MAJOR INCREASE TO THE CAPACITY OF
25 THE TRANSIT SYSTEM UNDER THE ADMINISTRATION TAKES PLACE, INCLUDING THE
26 OPENING OF THE PURPLE LINE IN MONTGOMERY AND PRINCE GEORGE'S
27 COUNTIES; AND

28 (II) MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN
29 ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL
30 ASSEMBLY, ON ANY CHANGES THAT THE ADMINISTRATION BELIEVES SHOULD BE
31 MADE TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD.

1 (D) (1) EACH MEMBER OF THE BOARD:

2 (I) SERVES FOR A TERM OF 3 YEARS; AND

3 (II) MAY NOT SERVE MORE THAN TWO CONSECUTIVE TERMS.

4 (2) THE TERM OF A MEMBER BEGINS ON JANUARY 1.

5 (3) IN THE EVENT OF A VACANCY ON THE BOARD, THE APPOINTING
6 AUTHORITY FOR THAT MEMBER SHALL APPOINT A NEW MEMBER TO FILL THE
7 VACANCY FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE TERM AND UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS
8 APPOINTED AND QUALIFIES.

9 (4) WHEN MAKING AN APPOINTMENT TO THE BOARD, THE
10 APPOINTING AUTHORITY SHALL CONSIDER AS A FACTOR IN ASSESSING AN
11 INDIVIDUAL'S SUITABILITY FOR THE APPOINTMENT THE INDIVIDUAL'S FAMILIARITY
12 AND EXPERIENCE WITH LOCAL AND COMMUTER TRANSIT SERVICES OPERATED BY
13 THE ADMINISTRATION, WHETHER AS A RIDER OR AN EMPLOYER OF REGULAR
14 RIDERS OR BECAUSE OF OTHER EXPERIENCES OR CIRCUMSTANCES.

15 (E) THE BOARD SHALL:

16 (1) ~~ANNUALLY~~ EVERY 2 YEARS, ELECT A CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR
17 FROM AMONG THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, EXCEPT THAT THE SECRETARY OF
18 TRANSPORTATION MAY NOT SERVE AS CHAIR OR VICE CHAIR;

19 (2) ORGANIZE AND ESTABLISH POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE
20 OPERATIONS OF THE BOARD AS IT CONSIDERS APPROPRIATE, INCLUDING CONFLICT
21 OF INTEREST STANDARDS THAT PROHIBIT A MEMBER OF THE BOARD FROM HAVING
22 ANY INAPPROPRIATE FINANCIAL OR NONFINANCIAL INTEREST IN A MATTER OVER
23 WHICH THE BOARD HAS JURISDICTION;

24 (3) NO LATER THAN 6 MONTHS AFTER THE BOARD FIRST MEETS, AND
25 AFTER AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT FOR NOT LESS THAN
26 60 DAYS BUT NOT LONGER THAN 90 DAYS, ADOPT BYLAWS TO GOVERN THE
27 OPERATIONS OF THE BOARD;

28 (4) (I) ~~MEET EACH QUARTER AND AS THE BOARD CONSIDERS~~
29 ~~NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT ITS DUTIES;~~ AND

30 (II) RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENTS DURING AT LEAST TWO OF ITS
31 QUARTERLY MEETINGS EACH YEAR;

1 **(5) (I) KEEP MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE BOARD AND**
2 **MAINTAIN PROPER RECORDS OF ALL TRANSACTIONS OF THE BOARD;**

3 **(II) POST ALL MINUTES, RECORDS, NOTICES, COMMENTS, OR**
4 **OTHER INFORMATION ISSUED BY THE BOARD OR RECEIVED FROM THE PUBLIC IN A**
5 **SEARCHABLE DATABASE ON A PUBLIC WEB SITE ESTABLISHED AND MAINTAINED BY**
6 **THE BOARD; AND**

7 **(III) ALLOW THE PUBLIC TO SUBMIT COMMENTS TO THE BOARD**
8 **THROUGH THE PUBLIC WEB SITE AND VIEW WITHOUT RESTRICTION ALL MINUTES,**
9 **RECORDS, NOTICES, COMMENTS, OR OTHER INFORMATION ISSUED BY THE BOARD**
10 **OR SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD BY THE PUBLIC.**

11 **(F) IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 7-204(Q) OF THIS SUBTITLE, PRINCIPAL STAFF**
12 **FOR THE BOARD SHALL BE PROVIDED BY THE ADMINISTRATION.**

13 **(G) A MEMBER OF THE BOARD:**

14 **(1) MAY NOT RECEIVE COMPENSATION AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD;**
15 **BUT**

16 **(2) IS ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES UNDER THE**
17 **STANDARD STATE TRAVEL REGULATIONS, AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.**

18 **(H) IN ADDITION TO ITS DUTIES UNDER SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS SECTION,**
19 **THE BOARD SHALL:**

20 **(1) ON BEHALF OF THE RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES OF THE STATE,**
21 **EXERCISE ~~RIGOROUS~~ OVERSIGHT OF AND ENGAGE IN ADVOCACY FOR THE PUBLIC**
22 **TRANSIT SYSTEMS MAINTAINED BY THE ADMINISTRATION;**

23 **(2) REQUIRE THE ADMINISTRATION TO PRODUCE AND SUBMIT TO**
24 **THE BOARD FOR REVIEW AND ~~EDIT COMMENT A STRATEGIC PLAN FOR TRANSIT~~**
25 **~~EVERY 3 YEARS~~ EVERY 5 YEARS A COMPREHENSIVE MULTIMODAL TRANSIT**
26 **DEVELOPMENT PLAN;**

27 **(3) REVIEW ANY REPORT PREPARED BY OR FOR THE**
28 **ADMINISTRATION CONCERNING THE ATTAINMENT OF ITS GOALS, INCLUDING**
29 **PERFORMANCE GOALS AND METRICS, AND EVALUATE ANY OTHER MEASURES OF**
30 **THE PERFORMANCE OF THE TRANSIT SYSTEM, AND ~~THEN MAKE~~ ISSUE WRITTEN**
31 **RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING HOW THE RESULTS OF THE BOARD'S REVIEW**
32 **AND EVALUATION SHOULD INFLUENCE THE ADMINISTRATION'S PRIORITIES IN THE**
33 **COMING YEAR.**

1 (4) ANNUALLY REVIEW AND COMMENT ON TRANSIT-RELATED
2 SPENDING PRIORITIES UNDER THE MARYLAND CONSOLIDATED TRANSPORTATION
3 PROGRAM, PARTICULARLY WITH REGARD TO THE ADMINISTRATION'S ADHERENCE
4 TO ITS ~~STRATEGIC~~ COMPREHENSIVE MULTIMODAL TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT PLAN
5 AND THE POTENTIAL TO ACHIEVE MEASURABLE IMPROVEMENT IN ATTAINING THE
6 ADMINISTRATION'S GOALS OR OTHER SUITABLE MEASURES OF PERFORMANCE;

7 (5) REVIEW AND COMMENT ON TRANSPORTATION OPERATIONS,
8 PLANS, AND SERVICES PROPOSED BY OR FOR ~~BALTIMORE CITY AND THE COUNTIES~~
9 ~~IN THE BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN AREA~~ ANY LOCAL GOVERNMENT THAT
10 COMPLEMENT THE TRANSIT PLANS AND SERVICES OF THE ADMINISTRATION;

11 (6) REVIEW AND COMMENT ON:

12 (i) THE ADMINISTRATION'S ANNUAL OPERATING AND CAPITAL
13 BUDGET; AND

14 (ii) SPECIFIC POLICIES AND DECISIONS THAT ARE KEY TO
15 ADMINISTRATION SERVICE QUALITY;

16 (7) ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY 15 EACH YEAR, PROVIDE COMMENTS
17 CONCERNING THE ADMINISTRATION'S ~~STRATEGIC~~ COMPREHENSIVE MULTIMODAL
18 TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT PLAN, BUDGET, AND POLICIES TO THE GOVERNOR, THE
19 SENATE BUDGET AND TAXATION COMMITTEE AND ~~THE~~ FINANCE COMMITTEE, AND
20 THE HOUSE ~~COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS~~ APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE AND
21 ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE;

22 (8) CONVENE SUBCOMMITTEES OR OTHER APPROPRIATE ENTITIES
23 TO GATHER INFORMATION AND SUGGESTIONS REGARDING TRANSIT SERVICE FROM
24 A WIDE RANGE OF INTERESTED PARTIES, INCLUDING NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS,
25 CIVIC FOUNDATIONS, EMPLOYERS, AND TRANSIT RIDERS;

26 (9) AS IT DEEMS APPROPRIATE, PROPOSE TO THE ADMINISTRATION
27 AND TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THE ADOPTION OF POLICIES THAT ENCOURAGE
28 ADMINISTRATION PRACTICES THAT PROMOTE PUBLIC SAFETY, TRANSPARENCY,
29 ACCOUNTABILITY, CUSTOMER SERVICE, REGULAR COMMUNICATION WITH THE
30 PUBLIC, AND PRUDENT FINANCIAL DECISION MAKING; AND

31 (10) ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 1 OF EACH YEAR, COMPILE AND
32 SUBMIT TO THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION, THE SECRETARY OF
33 COMMERCE, THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE
34 GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY A REPORT CONCERNING THE
35 ADMINISTRATION'S PROGRESS IN MEETING THE ~~STRATEGIC~~ COMPREHENSIVE

1 MULTIMODAL TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT PLAN SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD UNDER
 2 THIS SUBSECTION.

3 (I) (1) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL REPORT TO THE BOARD AS
 4 PRESCRIBED IN THIS SUBSECTION ~~AND AT OTHER TIMES AND FOR ANY PURPOSE~~
 5 ~~THAT THE BOARD DETERMINES IT NECESSARY TO DO SO.~~

6 (2) (I) 1. THE COMPREHENSIVE MULTIMODAL TRANSIT
 7 DEVELOPMENT PLAN REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (H)(2) OF THIS SECTION
 8 SHALL INCLUDE A DETAILED PLAN AND ANALYSIS OF THE ADMINISTRATION'S
 9 SERVICES, INCLUDING INFORMATION CONCERNING:

10 A. EACH MODE OF TRANSIT SERVICE PROVIDED BY THE
 11 ADMINISTRATION;

12 B. SHORT-TERM, MEDIUM-TERM, AND LONG-TERM
 13 GOALS AND PLANS FOR EACH MODE OF TRANSIT SERVICE AND FOR THE TRANSIT
 14 SYSTEM OVERALL; AND

15 C. NECESSARY FUNDING AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS
 16 FOR ACHIEVING THE ADMINISTRATION'S TRANSIT GOALS.

17 2. THE COMPREHENSIVE MULTIMODAL TRANSIT
 18 DEVELOPMENT PLAN ALSO SHALL INCLUDE:

19 A. SUFFICIENT DETAIL CONCERNING THE SHORT-TERM
 20 GOALS AND PLANS TO ALLOW THE BOARD TO GAIN A CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OF
 21 AND COMPLETE AN EVALUATION OF THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE
 22 ADMINISTRATION'S CURRENT PERFORMANCE; AND

23 B. ANY OTHER INFORMATION REQUESTED BY THE
 24 BOARD OR DETERMINED BY THE ADMINISTRATION TO BE HELPFUL TO THE BOARD
 25 IN DISCHARGING THE BOARD'S DUTY TO INFORM THE PUBLIC OF THE
 26 ADMINISTRATION'S PLANS AND PERFORMANCE.

27 (II) IN ADDITION TO THE ~~STRATEGIC PLAN REQUIRED UNDER~~
 28 ~~SUBSECTION (G)(2) OF THIS SECTION~~ COMPREHENSIVE MULTIMODAL TRANSIT
 29 DEVELOPMENT PLAN, THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL SUBMIT TO THE BOARD EACH
 30 YEAR:

31 ~~(I)~~ 1. A PERFORMANCE REPORT;

32 ~~(II)~~ 2. AN OPERATING, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT, AND
 33 SYSTEM MAINTENANCE PLAN; AND

1 ~~(H)~~ 3. A SUMMARY OF ANY AUDIT REPORT RECEIVED BY THE
2 ADMINISTRATION.

3 (3) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL SUBMIT TO THE BOARD EVERY
4 ~~THREE~~ 5 YEARS:

5 (I) ~~AN~~ IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (H)(2) OF THIS
6 SECTION, AN UPDATED LONG-TERM MULTI-MODAL COMPREHENSIVE LONG-TERM
7 MULTIMODAL TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT PLAN;

8 (II) AN UPDATED PLAN FOR CORE, COMMUTER, LIGHT RAIL,
9 AND HEAVY RAIL TRANSIT SERVICE; AND

10 (III) THE RESULTS OF ~~A RIDE-ON~~ AN ON-BOARD OR
11 ON-PLATFORM SURVEY CONDUCTED AS PART OF ITS LONG RANGE PLANNING FOR
12 TRANSIT SERVICE.

13 7-213.

14 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "COUNCIL" MEANS THE CITIZEN'S ADVISORY
15 COUNCIL FOR THE MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION.

16 (B) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ESTABLISH A CITIZEN'S ADVISORY
17 COUNCIL FOR THE MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION.

18 (C) (1) THE COUNCIL SHALL INCLUDE ~~AT LEAST 13 MEMBERS~~ RIDERS
19 FROM EACH MODE OF TRANSIT OPERATED BY THE ADMINISTRATION AND WHO
20 REPRESENT MULTIPLE LOCAL JURISDICTIONS.

21 (2) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL APPOINT NO FEWER THAN THREE
22 REPRESENTATIVES OF TRANSIT ADVOCACY ORGANIZATIONS AS MEMBERS OF THE
23 COUNCIL.

24 (3) EACH MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL:

25 (I) SERVES FOR A TERM OF ~~1-YEAR~~ 2 YEARS; AND

26 (II) MAY NOT SERVE FOR MORE THAN ~~5~~ 6 CONSECUTIVE YEARS.

27 (4) THE TERM OF A MEMBER BEGINS ON JANUARY 1.

28 (5) A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL:

1 (I) MAY NOT RECEIVE COMPENSATION AS A MEMBER OF THE
2 COUNCIL; BUT

3 (II) IS ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES UNDER
4 THE STANDARD STATE TRAVEL REGULATIONS, AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE
5 BUDGET.

6 (D) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN AN OFFICIAL
7 PUBLIC WEB SITE FOR THE COUNCIL.

8 (E) (1) THE PURPOSE OF THE COUNCIL IS TO SOLICIT AND RECEIVE
9 COMMENTS FROM THE USERS OF THE MASS TRANSIT SYSTEMS MAINTAINED BY THE
10 ADMINISTRATION AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SERVICE
11 IMPROVEMENTS TO THE ADMINISTRATION AND THE MARYLAND TRANSIT
12 ADMINISTRATION OVERSIGHT AND PLANNING BOARD.

13 (2) THE COUNCIL SHALL SUMMARIZE AND REPORT TO THE
14 MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION OVERSIGHT AND PLANNING BOARD AND
15 THE ADMINISTRATION THE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS IT RECEIVES
16 FROM THE PUBLIC UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

17 (F) THE COUNCIL SHALL:

18 (1) ADOPT BYLAWS TO GOVERN ITS OPERATIONS;

19 (2) MEET AT LEAST ~~ONCE EACH MONTH~~ QUARTERLY;

20 (3) AT EACH MEETING, RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM THE
21 USERS OF THE MASS TRANSIT SYSTEMS MAINTAINED BY THE ADMINISTRATION; AND

22 (4) KEEP MINUTES OF ITS MEETINGS AND POST ALL MINUTES,
23 RECORDS, NOTICES, COMMENTS, OR OTHER INFORMATION ISSUED BY THE COUNCIL
24 OR RECEIVED FROM THE PUBLIC IN A SEARCHABLE DATABASE ON THE COUNCIL'S
25 WEB SITE ESTABLISHED AND MAINTAINED BY THE ADMINISTRATION.

26 (G) (1) THE COUNCIL SHALL ELECT A CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR FROM
27 AMONG ITS MEMBERS.

28 (2) THE TERM OF THE CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR IS 2 YEARS.

29 (3) THE CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR MAY NOT SERVE TWO CONSECUTIVE
30 TERMS IN THE SAME OFFICE.

31 7-214.

1 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, "COUNCIL" MEANS THE MARC RIDERS ADVISORY**
2 **COUNCIL FOR THE MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION.**

3 **(B) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ESTABLISH THE MARC RIDERS**
4 **ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR THE MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION.**

5 **(C) (1) THE COUNCIL SHALL INCLUDE MARC RIDERS FROM ALL**
6 **GEOGRAPHIC AREAS OF THE STATE SERVED BY MARC.**

7 **(2) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL APPOINT AT LEAST ONE**
8 **REPRESENTATIVE OF AN ADVOCACY ORGANIZATION FOR MARC RIDERS AS A**
9 **MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL.**

10 **(3) EACH MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL:**

11 **(I) SERVES FOR A TERM OF 2 YEARS; AND**

12 **(II) MAY NOT SERVE FOR MORE THAN 6 CONSECUTIVE YEARS.**

13 **(4) THE TERM OF A MEMBER BEGINS ON JANUARY 1.**

14 **(5) A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL:**

15 **(I) MAY NOT RECEIVE COMPENSATION AS A MEMBER OF THE**
16 **COUNCIL; BUT**

17 **(II) IS ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES UNDER**
18 **THE STANDARD STATE TRAVEL REGULATIONS, AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE**
19 **BUDGET.**

20 **(D) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN AN OFFICIAL**
21 **PUBLIC WEB SITE FOR THE COUNCIL.**

22 **(E) (1) THE PURPOSE OF THE COUNCIL IS TO SOLICIT AND RECEIVE**
23 **COMMENTS FROM MARC RIDERS AND THE PUBLIC GENERALLY AND PROVIDE**
24 **RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SERVICE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE ADMINISTRATION AND**
25 **THE MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION OVERSIGHT AND PLANNING BOARD.**

26 **(2) THE COUNCIL SHALL SUMMARIZE AND REPORT TO THE**
27 **MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION OVERSIGHT AND PLANNING BOARD AND**
28 **THE ADMINISTRATION THE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS IT RECEIVES**
29 **UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION.**

1 **(F) THE COUNCIL SHALL:**

2 **(1) ADOPT BYLAWS TO GOVERN ITS OPERATIONS;**

3 **(2) MEET AT LEAST QUARTERLY;**

4 **(3) AT EACH MEETING, RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM MARC**
5 **RIDERS AND THE PUBLIC GENERALLY; AND**

6 **(4) KEEP MINUTES OF ITS MEETINGS AND POST ALL MINUTES,**
7 **RECORDS, NOTICES, COMMENTS, OR OTHER INFORMATION ISSUED BY THE COUNCIL**
8 **OR RECEIVED FROM MARC RIDERS AND THE PUBLIC GENERALLY IN A SEARCHABLE**
9 **DATABASE ON THE COUNCIL'S WEB SITE ESTABLISHED AND MAINTAINED BY THE**
10 **ADMINISTRATION.**

11 **(G) (1) THE COUNCIL SHALL ELECT A CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR FROM**
12 **AMONG ITS MEMBERS.**

13 **(2) THE TERM OF THE CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR IS 2 YEARS.**

14 **(3) THE CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR MAY NOT SERVE TWO CONSECUTIVE**
15 **TERMS IN THE SAME OFFICE.**

16 **7-215.**

17 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, "COUNCIL" MEANS THE ACCESSIBLE**
18 **TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR THE MARYLAND TRANSIT**
19 **ADMINISTRATION.**

20 **(B) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ESTABLISH THE ACCESSIBLE**
21 **TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR THE MARYLAND TRANSIT**
22 **ADMINISTRATION.**

23 **(C) (1) THE COUNCIL SHALL INCLUDE INDIVIDUALS FROM ALL**
24 **GEOGRAPHIC AREAS THROUGHOUT THE STATE WHO USE ACCESSIBLE TRANSIT.**

25 **(2) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL APPOINT AT LEAST ONE**
26 **REPRESENTATIVE OF AN ADVOCACY ORGANIZATION FOR ACCESSIBLE**
27 **TRANSPORTATION AS A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL.**

28 **(3) EACH MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL:**

29 **(I) SERVES FOR A TERM OF 2 YEARS; AND**

1 **(II) MAY NOT SERVE FOR MORE THAN 6 CONSECUTIVE YEARS.**

2 **(4) THE TERM OF A MEMBER BEGINS ON JANUARY 1.**

3 **(5) A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL:**

4 **(I) MAY NOT RECEIVE COMPENSATION AS A MEMBER OF THE**
5 **COUNCIL; BUT**

6 **(II) IS ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES UNDER**
7 **THE STANDARD STATE TRAVEL REGULATIONS, AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE**
8 **BUDGET.**

9 **(D) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN AN OFFICIAL**
10 **PUBLIC WEB SITE FOR THE COUNCIL.**

11 **(E) (1) THE PURPOSE OF THE COUNCIL IS TO SOLICIT AND RECEIVE**
12 **COMMENTS FROM USERS OF ACCESSIBLE TRANSIT AND THE PUBLIC GENERALLY**
13 **AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SERVICE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE**
14 **ADMINISTRATION AND THE MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION OVERSIGHT**
15 **AND PLANNING BOARD.**

16 **(2) THE COUNCIL SHALL SUMMARIZE AND REPORT TO THE**
17 **MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION OVERSIGHT AND PLANNING BOARD AND**
18 **THE ADMINISTRATION THE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS IT RECEIVES**
19 **UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION.**

20 **(F) THE COUNCIL SHALL:**

21 **(1) ADOPT BYLAWS TO GOVERN ITS OPERATIONS;**

22 **(2) MEET AT LEAST QUARTERLY;**

23 **(3) AT EACH MEETING, RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM THE**
24 **USERS OF ACCESSIBLE TRANSIT AND THE PUBLIC GENERALLY; AND**

25 **(4) KEEP MINUTES OF ITS MEETINGS AND POST ALL MINUTES,**
26 **RECORDS, NOTICES, COMMENTS, OR OTHER INFORMATION ISSUED BY THE COUNCIL**
27 **OR RECEIVED FROM THE USERS OF ACCESSIBLE TRANSIT AND THE PUBLIC**
28 **GENERALLY IN A SEARCHABLE DATABASE ON THE COUNCIL'S WEB SITE**
29 **ESTABLISHED AND MAINTAINED BY THE ADMINISTRATION.**

30 **(G) (1) THE COUNCIL SHALL ELECT A CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR FROM**
31 **AMONG ITS MEMBERS.**

1 **(2) THE TERM OF THE CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR IS 2 YEARS.**

2 **(3) THE CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR MAY NOT SERVE TWO CONSECUTIVE**
3 **TERMS IN THE SAME OFFICE.**

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the terms of the members of
5 the Maryland Transit Administration Oversight and Planning Board established under
6 this Act shall be staggered as follows:

7 (1) of the two members from Baltimore City appointed by the Mayor of
8 Baltimore City, one member shall serve for an initial term of two years and one member
9 shall serve and initial term of three years;

10 (2) of the two members from Baltimore City appointed by the Governor,
11 one member shall serve for an initial term of two years and one member shall serve an
12 initial term of three years;

13 (3) of the two members from Baltimore County appointed by the County
14 Executive of Baltimore County, one member shall serve for an initial term of two years and
15 one member shall serve an initial term of three years;

16 (4) the member from Baltimore County appointed by the Governor shall
17 serve an initial term of three years;

18 (5) the member from Anne Arundel County appointed by the County
19 Executive of Anne Arundel County shall serve an initial term of three years;

20 (6) the member from Anne Arundel County appointed by the Governor
21 shall serve an initial term of two years;

22 (7) the member from Howard County appointed by the County Executive
23 of Howard County shall serve an initial term of three years;

24 (8) the member from Harford County appointed by the County Executive
25 of Harford County shall serve an initial term of two years;

26 (9) the member of the Citizens Advisory Council appointed by the Governor
27 shall serve an initial term of three years; and

28 (10) the members of the General Assembly, one appointed by the President
29 of the Senate and one appointed by the Speaker of the House, each shall serve an initial
30 term of three years.

31 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
32 ~~October~~ June 1, 2016.