

SENATE BILL 416

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Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Transportation – Toll Transportation Facilities Project – Annual Pass**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Transportation Authority to establish for each
4 toll transportation facilities project an option that offers motorists the opportunity
5 to pay a flat fee for an annual pass to use the toll transportation facilities project;
6 providing that the amount of the fee for an annual pass shall be determined by the
7 Authority; and generally relating to an annual pass for a toll transportation facilities
8 project.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
10 Article – Transportation
11 Section 4–101(h)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
15 Article – Transportation
16 Section 4–312(c)
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

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

21 **Article – Transportation**

22 4–101.

23 (h) “Transportation facilities project” includes:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (1) The Susquehanna River Bridge, the Harry W. Nice Memorial Potomac
2 River Bridge, the William Preston Lane, Jr. Memorial Chesapeake Bay Bridge and parallel
3 Chesapeake Bay Bridge, the Baltimore Harbor Tunnel, the Fort McHenry Tunnel, the
4 Francis Scott Key Bridge, and the John F. Kennedy Memorial Highway, together with their
5 appurtenant causeways, approaches, interchanges, entrance plazas, toll stations, and
6 service facilities;

7 (2) A vehicle parking facility located in a priority funding area as defined
8 in § 5-7B-02 of the State Finance and Procurement Article;

9 (3) Any other project for transportation facilities that the Authority
10 authorizes to be acquired or constructed; and

11 (4) Any additions, improvements, or enlargements to any of these projects,
12 whenever authorized.

13 4-312.

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

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

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

23 **(4) (I) THE AUTHORITY SHALL ESTABLISH FOR EACH TOLL**
24 **TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES PROJECT AN OPTION THAT OFFERS MOTORISTS THE**
25 **OPPORTUNITY TO PAY A FLAT FEE FOR AN ANNUAL PASS TO USE THE TOLL**
26 **TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES PROJECT.**

27 **(II) THE FEE FOR THE ANNUAL PASS FOR EACH TOLL**
28 **TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES PROJECT SHALL BE DETERMINED BY THE**
29 **AUTHORITY.**

30 **[(4)] (5)** Prior to fixing or revising tolls on any part of any transportation
31 facilities project, the Authority shall provide, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State
32 Government Article, to the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, Senate Finance
33 Committee, House Appropriations Committee, and House Ways and Means Committee
34 information on the proposed toll charges, including:

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

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

2 (iii) The proposed commuter discount rates.

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