HOUSE BILL 201

R2, P4 (9lr0664)

ENROLLED BILL

— Appropriations/Finance —

Introduced by **Delegates Korman, Acevero, Bartlett, Boyce, Crutchfield, Gaines, Haynes, Hettleman, Hill, Ivey, Jalisi, Johnson, Jones, R. Lewis, Lierman, Love, Luedtke, Palakovich Carr, Patterson, Pendergrass, Shetty, Stewart, Sydnor, Terrasa, Valderrama, and P. Young**

Read and Examined by Proofreaders:

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this

_____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, _____M.

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Speaker.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Transit Administration – State Employees ~~Subject to Collective~~**
3 **~~Bargaining~~ – Free Ridership**
4 **(Transit Benefit for State Employees)**

5 FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Transit Administration to provide certain
6   ridership services to certain ~~State~~ permanent employees of the Executive Branch of
7   State government on certain transit vehicles; prohibiting the Administration from
8   seeking certain fees or reimbursement; authorizing the Administration to adopt
9   certain regulations; requiring the Maryland Department of Transportation and the
10   Department of Budget and Management to report to certain committees of the
11   General Assembly on or before a certain date; ~~defining a certain term;~~ and generally
12   relating to the Maryland Transit Administration and ridership for State employees.

EXPLANATION: **CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.**
    [Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.
    <u>Underlining</u> indicates amendments to bill.
    ~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by
    amendment.
    Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.

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1 BY adding to
2   Article – Transportation
3   Section 7–711
4   Annotated Code of Maryland
5   (2015 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

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

Article – Transportation

7–711.

10   **(A)**   ~~IN THIS SECTION, "ELIGIBLE STATE EMPLOYEE" MEANS A STATE~~
11 ~~EMPLOYEE SUBJECT TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING UNDER TITLE 3 OF THE STATE~~
12 ~~PERSONNEL AND PENSIONS ARTICLE OR § 7–601 OF THIS TITLE.~~

13   ~~(B)~~   **(1)**   **THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL PROVIDE RIDERSHIP ON TRANSIT**
14 **VEHICLES TO ANY ~~ELIGIBLE STATE~~ PERMANENT EMPLOYEE IN ANY UNIT OF THE**
15 **EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF STATE GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING A UNIT WITH AN**
16 **INDEPENDENT PERSONNEL SYSTEM.**

17   **(2)**   **THE SERVICES PROVIDED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS**
18 **SUBSECTION APPLY TO TRANSIT VEHICLES THAT ARE PART OF THE**
19 **ADMINISTRATION'S:**

20   **(I)**   **LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT SYSTEM;**

21   **(II)**   **METRO SUBWAY;**

22   **(III)**   **LOCAL BUS SERVICE;**

23   **(IV)**   **COMMUTER BUS SERVICE IN THE BALTIMORE REGION; AND**

24   **(V)**   **ANY OTHER SYSTEMS AND SERVICES SPECIFIED BY THE**
25 **ADMINISTRATION.**

26   ~~(C)~~ **(B)**   **THE ADMINISTRATION MAY NOT COLLECT FEES OR**
27 **REIMBURSEMENT FROM AN ~~ELIGIBLE STATE~~ EMPLOYEE FOR SERVICES PROVIDED**
28 **UNDER THIS SECTION.**

29   ~~(D)~~ **(C)**   **THE ADMINISTRATION MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT**
30 **THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.**

1   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before January 1, 2020,
2 the Maryland Department of Transportation and the Department of Budget and
3 Management shall report to the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, the Senate
4 Finance Committee, and the House Appropriations Committee, in accordance with §
5 2–1246 of the State Government Article, on the cost and feasibility of expanding the State
6 employee transit ridership program to~~:~~

7   ~~(1)~~   include ridership on the Maryland Area Regional Commuter (MARC)
8 Train Service and the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA)~~; and~~

9   ~~(2)~~   ~~employees of the Legislative and Judicial Branches of State~~
10 ~~government~~.

11   SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
12 1, 2019.

Approved:

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                                        Governor.

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                          Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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                               President of the Senate.