

# SENATE BILL 982

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By: **Senators Ellis, Carozza, Gallion, Guzzone, Lam, Patterson, Rosapepe, Washington, and Young**

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Commission to Study Non-Emergency Medical Transportation Funding**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Commission to Study Non-Emergency Medical  
4 Transportation Funding; providing for the composition, cochairs, and staffing of the  
5 Commission; prohibiting a member of the Commission from receiving certain  
6 compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the  
7 Commission to study certain matters and make certain recommendations regarding  
8 non-emergency medical transportation and locally operated transit systems;  
9 requiring the Commission to consider certain matters when undertaking the study  
10 and making certain recommendations; requiring the Commission to report its  
11 findings and recommendations to the Governor and certain committees of the  
12 General Assembly on or before a certain date; defining certain terms; providing for  
13 the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Commission to Study  
14 Non-Emergency Medical Transportation Funding.

15 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
16 That:

17 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

18 (2) "LOTS" means a locally operated transit system.

19 (3) "NEMT" means non-emergency medical transportation.

20 (b) There is a Commission to Study Non-Emergency Medical Transportation  
21 Funding.

22 (c) The Commission consists of the following members:

23 (1) two members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 the Senate;

2 (2) two members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of  
3 the House;

4 (3) two individuals representing a dialysis provider network, one appointed  
5 by the President of the Senate and one appointed by the Speaker of the House;

6 (4) the Comptroller of Maryland, or the Comptroller's designee;

7 (5) the Secretary of Health, or the Secretary's designee;

8 (6) the Secretary of Transportation, or the Secretary's designee;

9 (7) the Executive Director of the Maryland Association of Counties, or the  
10 Executive Director's designee; and

11 (8) the Executive Director of the Transportation Association of Maryland,  
12 or the Executive Director's designee.

13 (d) The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House shall each designate  
14 a cochair of the Commission.

15 (e) The Maryland Department of Health and the Department of Transportation  
16 jointly shall provide staff for the Commission.

17 (f) A member of the Commission:

18 (1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Commission; but

19 (2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State  
20 Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

21 (g) The Commission shall:

22 (1) study Maryland's requirements for NEMT funding and the implications  
23 that the current demand for NEMT funding may have on other forms of transportation  
24 provided by LOTS; and

25 (2) make recommendations regarding the:

26 (i) criteria for choosing which medical providers would be required  
27 to reimburse costs related to a patient's use of NEMT; and

28 (ii) best methodology for collecting and distributing NEMT  
29 reimbursements to LOTS providers.

1 (h) In undertaking the study and making the recommendations required under  
2 subsection (g) of this section, the Commission shall:

3 (1) measure NEMT funding requirements relative to the revenue for  
4 NEMT and the total revenue for all LOTS activities;

5 (2) compare NEMT service volume to that of other LOTS services on a  
6 per-person, per-hour, and per-dollar basis;

7 (3) determine the:

8 (i) impact of NEMT costs on the existing and projected future status  
9 of LOTS funding adequacy; and

10 (ii) feasibility and methodology of assessing medical providers for  
11 the reimbursement of certain NEMT costs; and

12 (4) consider any other data that the Commission deems necessary.

13 (i) On or before June 30, 2020, the Commission shall report its findings and  
14 recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State  
15 Government Article, the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee  
16 and the House Environment and Transportation Committee.

17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June  
18 1, 2019. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 1 month and, at the end of June  
19 30, 2020, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be  
20 abrogated and of no further force and effect.