HB1236/920310/1

BY: Environment and Transportation Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 1236 (First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 12, after "dates;" insert "requiring the Maryland Transit Administration to engage in good-faith negotiations with Delaware and appropriate train companies to reach a written agreement on a pilot program to establish Maryland Area Regional Commuter train service between Perryville, Maryland and Newark, Delaware; requiring the Administration to consult with certain entities to determine the most effective means to establish train service between Perryville and Newark; requiring that the good-faith negotiations and consultation include discussions of a certain train service schedule; requiring the Administration to conduct a study on constructing a rail connection between Penn Station and Camden Station; providing for the scope of the study; requiring the Administration to, on or before a certain date, submit a report of its findings and recommendations to certain committees in the General Assembly; requiring the Administration to advance the planning and construction of the Bayview MARC station in coordination with Baltimore City; requiring the planning to include analyzing innovative financing concepts or publicprivate partnerships;"; in line 18, after "for" insert "Delaware,"; and in the same line, after "Columbia" insert a comma.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, after line 3, insert:

"SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) <u>The Maryland Transit Administration shall:</u>

(1) engage in good-faith negotiations with Delaware and the appropriate railroad companies to reach a written agreement on a pilot program to

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establish a Maryland Area Regional Commuter train service between Perryville, Maryland and Newark, Delaware; and

(2) consult with regional private entities, including leading employers, labor representatives, rider advisory committees, and regional planning boards, to determine the most effective means to establish Maryland Area Regional Commuter train service between Perryville, Maryland and Newark, Delaware, including train service scheduling and funding.

(b) The good-faith negotiations and consultation required under subsection (a) of this section shall include discussions of a Maryland Area Regional Commuter train service that includes:

- (1) two morning trains traveling from Perryville to Newark; and
- (2) two evening trains traveling from Newark to Perryville.

(c) On or before December 1 each year, the Maryland Transit Administration shall submit a report in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article to the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, the House Appropriations Committee, and the House Environment and Transportation Committee that:

(1) <u>summarizes the best efforts and discussions undertaken to comply</u> with the requirements of subsection (a) of this section;

(2) identifies solutions to any impediments to establishing Maryland Area Regional Commuter train service between Perryville, Maryland and Newark, Delaware;

(3) <u>if necessary, lists the statutory changes necessary to establish</u> <u>Maryland Area Regional Commuter train service between Perryville, Maryland and</u> <u>Newark, Delaware; and</u>

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(4) provides any other information that the Maryland Transit Administration considers necessary for successful run-through service.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) <u>The Maryland Transit Administration shall conduct a study on</u> <u>constructing a rail connection between Penn Station and Camden Station.</u>

(b) <u>The study shall explore the feasibility of constructing a rail connection</u> between Penn Station and Camden Station, including design concepts that would:

(1) <u>enable Penn Line service into downtown Baltimore; and</u>

(2) provide access to Riverside Yard for locomotive repair and maintenance;

(c) On or before December 1, 2021, the Maryland Transit Administration shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article to the Senate Budget and Tax Committee, the House Appropriations Committee, and the House Environment and Transportation Committee.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) <u>The Maryland Transit Administration shall advance the planning and</u> <u>construction of the Bayview MARC Station in coordination with Baltimore City.</u>

(b) The planning shall include analysis of:

(1) innovative financing concepts; and

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(2) public-private partnerships.";

and in line 4, strike "2." and substitute "5.".