

HOUSE BILL 715

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By: **Delegates Williams, Rogers, Bartlett, Chang, Healey, Valentino-Smith, and Washington**

Introduced and read first time: January 30, 2020

Assigned to: Appropriations and Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Prohibited Appropriations – Magnetic Levitation Transport**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting the State and certain units and instrumentalities of the
4 State from using any appropriation for a magnetic levitation transportation system
5 in the State; prohibiting a public or private entity that receives money from the State
6 from authorizing a permit or giving any other form of approval for a magnetic
7 levitation transportation system in the State; prohibiting a proposal for a magnetic
8 levitation transportation system from using a certain right-of-way or track owned
9 or operated by certain railroad companies; and generally relating to State
10 appropriations for magnetic levitation transportation systems.

11 BY adding to

12 Article – State Finance and Procurement
13 Section 7–240
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

18 **Article – State Finance and Procurement**

19 **7–240.**

20 **(A) NEITHER THE STATE NOR ANY UNIT OR INSTRUMENTALITY OF THE**
21 **STATE MAY USE ANY APPROPRIATION FOR A MAGNETIC LEVITATION**
22 **TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM LOCATED OR TO BE LOCATED IN THE STATE.**

23 **(B) NO PUBLIC OR PRIVATE ENTITY THAT RECEIVES MONEY FROM THE**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 STATE MAY AUTHORIZE A PERMIT OR GIVE ANY OTHER FORM OF APPROVAL FOR A
2 MAGNETIC LEVITATION TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM LOCATED OR TO BE LOCATED IN
3 THE STATE.

4 (C) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER LAW, A PROPOSAL FOR A MAGNETIC
5 LEVITATION TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM MAY NOT INCLUDE THE USE OF THE
6 RIGHT-OF-WAY OR TRACK OWNED OR OPERATED BY:

7 (1) THE NATIONAL RAILROAD PASSENGER CORPORATION,
8 COMMONLY KNOWN AS AMTRAK; OR

9 (2) CSX TRANSPORTATION.

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
11 1, 2020.