SENATE BILL 475

By: Senators Beidle, Benson, Hettleman, Jackson, King, Lam, Lee, Pinsky, and Waldstreicher

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CHAPTER _____

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Transit Administration Police – Collective Bargaining – Supervisors and Sergeants

FOR the purpose of adding sergeants and supervisors within the Maryland Transit Administration Police to the list of employees authorized to participate in collective bargaining with the Maryland Transit Administration; and generally relating to collective bargaining and the Maryland Transit Administration Police.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Transportation
Section 7–601
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

Article – Transportation

7–601.

(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated:

(1) “Accredited representative” includes [the]:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.
Underlining indicates amendments to bill.
Strike-out indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.
1. The representative of any labor organization, or its successor, authorized to act for the employees described in subsection (b) of this section; AND

2. A representative of the Maryland Classified Employees Association, Local 1935 authorized to act for the employees described in subsection (b)(2)(II) of this section.

   (II) As of December 31, 1983, “accredited representative” included only:

   [i] 1. The Amalgamated Transit Union, Division No. 1300;

   [ii] 2. The Office and Professional Employees International Union, Local 2; and


(2) “Employees” means those employees who are validly represented by an accredited representative.

(3) “Supervisor” means an employee of the Administration who is a sworn police officer and who is in a career service position that:

   (I) Supervises career service positions of a lower grade;

   (II) is supervised by an executive service position; and

   (III) has no authority to take personnel actions.

(b) The Administration shall bargain collectively and enter into written collective bargaining agreements as to wages, salaries, hours, working conditions, and pension and retirement provisions with the accredited representatives of its employees who are employed [in]:

(1) [Job] in job classifications that on December 31, 1983, were included in recognized bargaining units pursuant to agreements in force on that date between the Administration and an accredited representative identified in subsection (a)(1)(i), (ii), or (iii) of this section; and
(2)  (I) [New] IN NEW or revised classifications comparable to those described in paragraph (1) of this subsection, provided, however, that supervisory, managerial, professional, confidential, including secretaries or assistants to administrative department and section heads or to other management staff personnel, and engineering classifications shall not be included; AND

(II) AS SUPERVISORS AND SERGEANTS IN THE MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION POLICE.

(c) The Administration may provide its employees with automatic cost–of–living wage adjustments in accordance with any applicable formula in a collective bargaining agreement between the parties, provided that the aggregate of automatic cost–of–living wage adjustments provided to any employee in any contract year does not exceed 5 percent of the employee’s base wage rate as that base wage rate existed immediately prior to commencement of the contract year.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2022.

Approved:

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Governor.

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President of the Senate.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.