

## Chapter 131

**(House Bill 677)**

AN ACT concerning

**Pride of Baltimore II – Appropriations – ~~Increase and~~ Extension**

FOR the purpose of ~~increasing by a certain amount~~ extending the appropriation from the Transportation Trust Fund in certain fiscal years that the Governor is required to include in the annual State budget for the operation of the replica sailing vessel known as the Pride of Baltimore II; extending the fiscal years to which the mandated appropriation applies; and generally relating to operating funding for the Pride of Baltimore II.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
 Article – Transportation  
 Section 2–801  
 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
 Chapter 854 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2018  
 Section 2

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

**Article – Transportation**

2–801.

(a) For fiscal years **[2020] 2024** through **[2023] 2028**, the Governor shall include in the annual State budget an appropriation of ~~[\$500,000]~~ **\$600,000** from the Transportation Trust Fund for the operation of the replica sailing vessel known as the Pride of Baltimore II.

(b) On or before December 1, **[2019] 2023**, and on or before December 1 each year thereafter, any person or entity receiving funds under this section shall submit a report to the Department and, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee and the House Appropriations Committee that includes:

(1) An accounting of how the funds were expended, supported by properly executed records, receipts, vouchers, invoices, and contracts that evidence the nature of the expenditures;

(2) An itinerary and any other information that demonstrates that the Pride of Baltimore II was operated solely for the purposes of promoting historical maritime education, fostering economic development and tourism, and representing the citizens of Maryland in every port visited; and

(3) A strategic business plan that includes:

(i) A goal to decrease or eliminate the need for State funds;

(ii) An annual operating budget and plan **FOR THE CURRENT YEAR AND THE FOLLOWING YEAR**; and

(iii) To the extent practicable, the itinerary of the Pride of Baltimore II.

### **Chapter 854 of the Acts of 2018**

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2018. It shall remain effective for a period of **[5] 10** years and, at the end of June 30, **[2023] 2028**, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2023.

**Approved by the Governor, April 24, 2023.**