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AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 362
(Third (Committee Reprint))

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, in line 18, after “*purposes;*” insert “*requiring that the Maryland Transit Administration achieve a certain farebox recovery requirement for certain transit services; requiring that the Maryland Transit Administration increase fares for certain transit services under certain circumstances; providing that the Maryland Transit Administration is not required to conduct certain public hearings before implementing certain fare increases;*”.

On page 7, in line 4, strike “7-406(c)(1) and (2).” and insert “7-208(b-1), 7-406(c)(1) and (2), 7-506(a)(1).”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 60, after line 18, insert:

“7-208.

*(b-1) (1) Subject to § 7-506 of this title and paragraph (2) of this subsection, **ON OR BEFORE JULY 1 EACH YEAR, the Administration shall set the fare prices and collect other operating revenues IN AN AMOUNT SUFFICIENT TO ACHIEVE THE FAREBOX RECOVERY REQUIREMENT ESTABLISHED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION.***

(2) (1) SUBJECT TO SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, FOR EACH FISCAL YEAR, THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL SEPARATELY RECOVER FROM FARES AND OTHER OPERATING REVENUES AT LEAST 35% OF THE TOTAL OPERATING COSTS FOR:

1. THE ADMINISTRATION'S BUS, LIGHT RAIL, AND METRO SUBWAY SERVICES IN THE BALTIMORE REGION; AND

2. ALL PASSENGER RAILROAD SERVICES UNDER THE ADMINISTRATION'S CONTROL.

(II) THE PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL OPERATING COSTS REQUIRED TO BE RECOVERED UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH IS EQUAL TO:

1. FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025, 15%;

2. FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026, 20%;

3. FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027, 25%;

4. FOR FISCAL YEAR 2028, 30%; AND

5. FOR FISCAL YEAR 2029 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, THE PERCENTAGE SPECIFIED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH.

[(2)] (3) The Administration may not reduce the level of services provided by the Administration for the purpose of achieving a specific farebox recovery requirement.

(4) AN INCREASE IN THE ADMINISTRATION'S FARE PRICES BY THE MINIMUM AMOUNT REQUIRED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION IS NOT SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF § 7-506 OF THIS TITLE.”;

and after line 31, insert:

“7-506.

(a) (1) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section AND § 7-208(B-1)(4) OF THIS TITLE, until a public hearing is held on the matter, the Administration may not:

(i) Fix or revise any fare or rate charged the general public;

(ii) Establish or abandon any bus or rail route listed on a published timetable;

(iii) Change a bus or rail route alignment listed on a published timetable, unless the change is needed because of temporary construction or changes in the road network;

(iv) Reduce the frequency, number of days, or days of service for a commuter bus or commuter rail route without substituting a comparable level of service, unless the reduction is temporary or a result of:

1. A natural disaster;

2. Weather or other emergency conditions;

3. Schedule adjustments required by a third party that operates service on the same right-of-way; or

4. Other circumstances beyond the control of the Administration; or

(v) Establish or abandon a rail transit station.”.