

# SENATE BILL 858

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By: **Senator Henson**

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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Public Transit Service and Stations – Exclusion for Assault and Bodily**  
3 **Injury**

4 FOR the purpose of providing that a certain person alleged to have committed an assault  
5 or other intentional act causing bodily injury may not board a State public transit  
6 service or enter a State public transit service station for a certain period of time and  
7 under certain circumstances; and generally relating to excluding individuals who  
8 commit assault or acts resulting in bodily injury from State public transit services  
9 and stations.

10 BY adding to

11 Article – Transportation

12 Section 7–705.1

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – Transportation**

18 **7–705.1.**

19 **(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS**  
20 **INDICATED.**

21 **(2) “PUBLIC TRANSIT OPERATOR” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN §**  
22 **7–714 OF THIS SUBTITLE.**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           **(3) “STATE PUBLIC TRANSIT SERVICE” MEANS ANY OF THE**  
2 **FOLLOWING, IF OPERATED BY THE ADMINISTRATION OR ANOTHER STATE AGENCY:**

3                   **(I) BUS SERVICE;**

4                   **(II) TRAIN SERVICE;**

5                   **(III) LIGHT RAIL SERVICE; AND**

6                   **(IV) SUBWAY SERVICE.**

7           **(4) “STATE PUBLIC TRANSIT SERVICE STATION” MEANS A STOP OR**  
8 **STATION FOR STATE PUBLIC TRANSIT SERVICE.**

9           **(B) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, A PERSON WHO IS**  
10 **ALLEGED BY A PUBLIC TRANSIT OPERATOR TO HAVE COMMITTED AN ASSAULT OR**  
11 **OTHER INTENTIONAL ACT CAUSING BODILY INJURY TO A PUBLIC TRANSIT**  
12 **OPERATOR OR A PASSENGER WHILE THE PERSON IS ON BOARD A STATE PUBLIC**  
13 **TRANSIT SERVICE OR AT A STATE PUBLIC TRANSIT SERVICE STATION MAY NOT**  
14 **BOARD A STATE PUBLIC TRANSIT SERVICE OR ENTER A STATE PUBLIC TRANSIT**  
15 **SERVICE STATION FOR:**

16                   **(1) AT LEAST 30 DAYS, FOR A FIRST ACT OF ASSAULT OR**  
17 **INTENTIONAL ACT CAUSING BODILY INJURY;**

18                   **(2) AT LEAST 180 DAYS, FOR A SECOND ACT OF ASSAULT OR**  
19 **INTENTIONAL ACT CAUSING BODILY INJURY; AND**

20                   **(3) THE REMAINDER OF THE PERSON’S LIFE:**

21                   **(I) FOR A THIRD ACT OF ASSAULT OR INTENTIONAL ACT**  
22 **CAUSING BODILY INJURY; OR**

23                   **(II) FOR ANY ACT OF ASSAULT OR INTENTIONAL ACT CAUSING**  
24 **BODILY INJURY FOR WHICH THE PERSON USED A WEAPON.**

25           **(C) THE SECRETARY OR THE SECRETARY’S DESIGNEE MAY REDUCE OR**  
26 **INCREASE THE PERIOD OF TIME THAT A PERSON WHO VIOLATES SUBSECTION (B) OF**  
27 **THIS SECTION IS PROHIBITED FROM BOARDING A STATE PUBLIC TRANSIT SERVICE**  
28 **OR ENTERING A STATE PUBLIC TRANSIT SERVICE STATION.**

29           **(D) (1) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS SUBJECT TO**  
30 **PROSECUTION FOR TRESPASSING.**

1           **(2) NOTHING IN THIS SECTION MAY BE CONSTRUED TO LIMIT OR**  
2 **PROHIBIT THE ENFORCEMENT OF ANY OTHER STATE LAW.**

3           **(E) THE SECRETARY SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS**  
4 **SECTION.**

5           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
6 October 1, 2025.