

**Department of Legislative Services**  
Maryland General Assembly  
2025 Session

**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**  
**First Reader**

House Bill 263 (Delegate R. Long)  
Environment and Transportation

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**Maryland Transportation Authority - Francis Scott Key Memorial Bridge -  
Naming**

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This bill requires the Maryland Transportation Authority (MDTA), on completion of a new bridge over the Patapsco River as a replacement for the collapsed Francis Scott Key Bridge, to name the new bridge the Francis Scott Key Memorial Bridge. The bill also makes conforming changes that are contingent on the completion of a replacement bridge and notice of the opening of the new bridge being submitted to the Department of Legislative Services by December 31, 2030, as specified.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** The bill’s requirements can be handled using existing budgeted resources. Revenues are not affected.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** Since 1971, MDTA has been responsible for constructing, managing, operating, and improving the State’s toll facilities (for example, the Chesapeake Bay Bridge, the former Francis Scott Key Bridge, and the Governor Harry W. Nice Memorial/Senator Thomas “Mac” Middleton (Nice/Middleton) Bridge) and for financing new revenue-producing transportation projects. MDTA is a nonbudgeted State agency, meaning that its budget is not subject to the General Assembly’s appropriation process.

**Additional Comments:** On March 26, 2024, the Francis Scott Key Bridge collapsed after being struck by a container vessel. Updates regarding the replacement of the bridge can be found [here](#).

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### **Additional Information**

**Recent Prior Introductions:** Similar legislation has not been introduced within the last three years.

**Designated Cross File:** None.

**Information Source(s):** Maryland Department of Transportation; Department of Legislative Services

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