

HOUSE BILL 916

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Transportation – Regional Transportation Authorities**

3 FOR the purpose of imposing certain transportation authority sales tax surcharges, hotel
4 surcharges, and transfer tax surcharges; establishing the Baltimore region, capital
5 region, and Southern Maryland region transportation authorities to develop and
6 implement certain transportation plans; establishing the Baltimore region, capital
7 region, and Southern Maryland region transportation funds as special, nonlapsing
8 funds; requiring interest earnings of the funds to be credited to the funds;
9 authorizing a transportation authority to issue certain bonds payable from certain
10 revenues; and generally relating to regional transportation authorities.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

12 Article – State Finance and Procurement

13 Section 6–226(a)(2)(i) and (ii)

14 Annotated Code of Maryland

15 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

16 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

17 Article – State Finance and Procurement

18 Section 6–226(a)(2)(iii)212. and 213.

19 Annotated Code of Maryland

20 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

21 BY adding to

22 Article – State Finance and Procurement

23 Section 6–226(a)(2)(iii)214., 215., and 216.

24 Annotated Code of Maryland

25 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

26 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 Article – Tax – General
2 Section 1–101(a)
3 Annotated Code of Maryland
4 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

5 BY adding to
6 Article – Tax – General
7 Section 1–101(c–1), (d–1), and (t–1) and 11–104(m)
8 Annotated Code of Maryland
9 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article – Tax – General
12 Section 2–1303 and 11–102
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

15 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
16 Article – Tax – Property
17 Section 13–201 and 13–202
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

20 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
21 Article – Tax – Property
22 Section 13–203(a)
23 Annotated Code of Maryland
24 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

25 BY adding to
26 Article – Tax – Property
27 Section 13–203(c) and 13–209(j)
28 Annotated Code of Maryland
29 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

30 BY adding to
31 Article – Transportation
32 Section 10.5–101 through 10.5–413 to be under the new title “Title 10.5. Regional
33 Transportation Authorities”
34 Annotated Code of Maryland
35 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

38 **Article – State Finance and Procurement**

1 6-226.

2 (a) (2) (i) This paragraph does not apply in fiscal years 2024 through 2028.

3 (ii) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, and unless
4 inconsistent with a federal law, grant agreement, or other federal requirement or with the
5 terms of a gift or settlement agreement, net interest on all State money allocated by the
6 State Treasurer under this section to special funds or accounts, and otherwise entitled to
7 receive interest earnings, as accounted for by the Comptroller, shall accrue to the General
8 Fund of the State.

9 (iii) The provisions of subparagraph (i) of this paragraph do not apply
10 to the following funds:

11 212. the Department of Social and Economic Mobility Special
12 Fund; [and]

13 213. the Population Health Improvement Fund;

14 **214. THE BALTIMORE REGION TRANSPORTATION FUND;**

15 **215. THE CAPITAL REGION TRANSPORTATION FUND; AND**

16 **216. THE SOUTHERN MARYLAND REGION**
17 **TRANSPORTATION FUND.**

18 Article – Tax – General

19 1-101.

20 (a) In this article the following words have the meanings indicated.

21 **(C-1) “BALTIMORE REGION” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 10.5-101 OF THE**
22 **TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE.**

23 **(D-1) “CAPITAL REGION” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 10.5-201 OF THE**
24 **TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE.**

25 **(T-1) “SOUTHERN MARYLAND REGION” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN §**
26 **10.5-301 OF THE TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE.**

27 2-1303.

28 **(A)** After making the distributions required under §§ 2-1301 through 2-1302.5 of
29 this subtitle, the Comptroller shall pay:

(1) revenues from the hotel surcharge into the Dorchester County Economic Development Fund established under § 10-130 of the Economic Development Article;

4 (2) FROM THE REVENUES FROM THE TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
5 SURCHARGE ESTABLISHED UNDER § 11-102(C)(1) OF THIS ARTICLE THAT ARE
6 ATTRIBUTABLE TO RETAIL SALES IN THE BALTIMORE REGION OR USES, IN THE
7 BALTIMORE REGION, OF TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY, A DIGITAL CODE, A
8 DIGITAL PRODUCT, OR A TAXABLE SERVICE:

9 (I) 70% TO THE BALTIMORE REGION TRANSPORTATION FUND
10 ESTABLISHED UNDER § 10.5-109 OF THE TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE; AND

20 (I) 70% TO THE BALTIMORE REGION TRANSPORTATION FUND
21 ESTABLISHED UNDER § 10.5-109 OF THE TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE; AND

22 (II) 30% TO THE COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES WITHIN THE
23 BALTIMORE REGION DISTRIBUTED IN PROPORTION TO THE TRANSPORTATION
24 AUTHORITY HOTEL SURCHARGE FROM THE COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES;

30 (I) 70% TO THE CAPITAL REGION TRANSPORTATION FUND
31 ESTABLISHED UNDER § 10.5-209 OF THE TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE; AND

32 (II) 30% TO THE COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES WITHIN THE
33 CAPITAL REGION DISTRIBUTED IN PROPORTION TO THE RETAIL SALES IN THE
34 COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES OR USES, IN THE COUNTIES OR MUNICIPALITIES, OF

1 TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY, A DIGITAL CODE, A DIGITAL PRODUCT, OR A
2 TAXABLE SERVICE;

3 (5) FROM THE REVENUES FROM THE TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
4 HOTEL SURCHARGE ESTABLISHED UNDER § 11-102(C)(2) OF THIS ARTICLE THAT
5 ARE ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY HOTEL SURCHARGE IN
6 THE CAPITAL REGION:

7 (I) 70% TO THE CAPITAL REGION TRANSPORTATION FUND
8 ESTABLISHED UNDER § 10.5-209 OF THE TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE; AND

9 (II) 30% TO THE COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES WITHIN THE
10 CAPITAL REGION DISTRIBUTED IN PROPORTION TO THE TRANSPORTATION
11 AUTHORITY HOTEL SURCHARGE FROM THE COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES;

12 (6) FROM THE REVENUES FROM THE TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
13 SURCHARGE ESTABLISHED UNDER § 11-102(C)(1) OF THIS ARTICLE THAT ARE
14 ATTRIBUTABLE TO RETAIL SALES IN THE SOUTHERN MARYLAND REGION OR USES,
15 IN THE SOUTHERN MARYLAND REGION, OF TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY, A
16 DIGITAL CODE, A DIGITAL PRODUCT, OR A TAXABLE SERVICE:

17 (I) 70% TO THE SOUTHERN MARYLAND REGION
18 TRANSPORTATION FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER § 10.5-309 OF THE
19 TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE; AND

20 (II) 30% TO THE COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES WITHIN THE
21 SOUTHERN MARYLAND REGION DISTRIBUTED IN PROPORTION TO THE RETAIL
22 SALES IN THE COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES OR USES, IN THE COUNTIES OR
23 MUNICIPALITIES, OF TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY, A DIGITAL CODE, A DIGITAL
24 PRODUCT, OR A TAXABLE SERVICE;

25 (7) FROM THE REVENUES FROM THE TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
26 HOTEL SURCHARGE ESTABLISHED UNDER § 11-102(C)(2) OF THIS ARTICLE THAT
27 ARE ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY HOTEL SURCHARGE IN
28 THE SOUTHERN MARYLAND REGION:

29 (I) 70% TO THE SOUTHERN MARYLAND REGION
30 TRANSPORTATION FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER § 10.5-309 OF THE
31 TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE; AND

32 (II) 30% TO THE COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES WITHIN THE
33 SOUTHERN MARYLAND REGION DISTRIBUTED IN PROPORTION TO THE

1 TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY HOTEL SURCHARGE FROM THE COUNTIES AND
2 MUNICIPALITIES;

3 [(2)] (8) to the Blueprint for Maryland's Future Fund established under
4 § 5–206 of the Education Article, the following percentage of the remaining sales and use
5 tax revenues:

- 6 (i) for fiscal year 2023, 9.2%;
- 7 (ii) for fiscal year 2024, 11.0%;
- 8 (iii) for fiscal year 2025, 11.3%;
- 9 (iv) for fiscal year 2026, 11.7%; and
- 10 (v) for fiscal year 2027 and each fiscal year thereafter, 12.1%; and

11 [(3)] (9) the remaining sales and use tax revenue into the General Fund
12 of the State.

13 (B) A COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY THAT RECEIVES A PAYMENT UNDER
14 SUBSECTION (A)(2) THROUGH (7) OF THIS SECTION MAY USE THE REVENUE ONLY
15 FOR TRANSPORTATION PURPOSES.

16 11–102.

17 (a) Except as otherwise provided in this title, a tax is imposed on:

18 (1) a retail sale in the State; and

19 (2) a use, in the State, of tangible personal property, a digital code, a digital
20 product, or a taxable service.

21 (b) (1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, in addition to the tax
22 imposed under subsection (a) of this section, a hotel surcharge is imposed in Dorchester
23 County on the sale of a right to occupy a room or lodgings as a transient guest in an
24 establishment that offers at least 380 rooms.

25 (2) The hotel surcharge imposed under paragraph (1) of this subsection
26 may not be imposed if the Maryland Economic Development Corporation certifies to the
27 Comptroller that the bonds issued by the Maryland Economic Development Corporation
28 secured by the Dorchester County Economic Development Fund established under §
29 10–130 of the Economic Development Article have been paid in full.

4 (I) A RETAIL SALE IN THE REGION; AND

5 (II) A USE, IN THE REGION, OF TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY,
6 A DIGITAL CODE, A DIGITAL PRODUCT, OR A TAXABLE SERVICE.

12 **(D)** (1) A county, municipal corporation, special taxing district, or other
13 political subdivision of the State may not impose any retail sales or use tax except:

14 (i) a sales tax or use tax that was in effect on January 1, 1971;

15 (ii) a tax on the sale or use of:

16 1. fuels;

17 2. utilities;

18 3. space rentals; or

24 (2) Paragraph (1) of this subsection may not be construed as conferring
25 authority to impose a sales and use tax.

26 11-104.

(M) (1) THE RATE OF THE TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY SURCHARGE
IMPOSED UNDER § 11-102(C)(1) OF THIS SUBTITLE IS 0.5%.

(2) THE RATE OF THE TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY HOTEL SURCHARGE IMPOSED UNDER § 11-102(C)(2) OF THIS SUBTITLE IS 1%.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read
2 as follows:

3 **Article – Tax – Property**

4 13–201.

5 (A) In this subtitle[, “transfer] **THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS**
6 **INDICATED.**

7 (B) **“BALTIMORE REGION” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 10.5–101 OF THE**
8 **TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE.**

9 (C) **“CAPITAL REGION” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 10.5–201 OF THE**
10 **TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE.**

11 (D) **“SOUTHERN MARYLAND REGION” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN §**
12 **10.5–301 OF THE TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE.**

13 (E) **“TRANSFER tax” means the tax imposed under this subtitle.**

14 13–202.

15 (A) Except as otherwise provided in this subtitle, a transfer tax is imposed on an
16 instrument of writing:

17 (1) recorded with the clerk of the circuit court for a county; or

18 (2) filed with the Department and described in § 12–103(d) of this article.

19 (B) **IN ADDITION TO THE TRANSFER TAX IMPOSED UNDER SUBSECTION (A)**
20 **OF THIS SECTION, A TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY TRANSFER TAX SURCHARGE IS**
21 **IMPOSED ON AN INSTRUMENT OF WRITING THAT TRANSFERS PROPERTY AND IS**
22 **RECORDED WITH THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR A COUNTY THAT IS**
23 **LOCATED WITHIN THE BALTIMORE REGION, THE CAPITAL REGION, AND THE**
24 **SOUTHERN MARYLAND REGION.**

25 13–203.

26 (a) (1) Except as provided in subsections (a–1) and (b) of this section, the rate
27 of the transfer tax is 0.5% of the consideration payable for the instrument of writing.

28 (2) The consideration:

1 (i) includes the amount of any mortgage or deed of trust assumed
2 by the grantee; and

6 (C) THE RATE OF THE TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY TRANSFER TAX
7 SURCHARGE IMPOSED UNDER § 13-202 OF THIS SUBTITLE IS 0.15% OF THE
8 CONSIDERATION PAYABLE FOR THE INSTRUMENT OF WRITING TRANSFERRING
9 PROPERTY.

10 13-209.

11 (J) (1) THE REVENUE FROM THE TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
12 TRANSFER TAX SURCHARGE ON AN INSTRUMENT OF WRITING RECORDED WITH THE
13 CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR A COUNTY THAT IS LOCATED WITHIN THE
14 BALTIMORE REGION SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED AS FOLLOWS:

15 (I) 70% TO THE BALTIMORE REGION TRANSPORTATION FUND
16 ESTABLISHED UNDER § 10.5-109 OF THE TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE; AND

17 (II) 1. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED UNDER ITEM 2 OF THIS ITEM,
18 30% TO THE COUNTY WHERE THE PROPERTY IS LOCATED; OR

25 (I) 70% TO THE CAPITAL REGION TRANSPORTATION FUND
26 ESTABLISHED UNDER § 10.5-209 OF THE TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE; AND

27 (II) 1. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED UNDER ITEM 2 OF THIS ITEM,
28 20% TO THE COUNTY WHERE THE PROPERTY IS LOCATED; OR

1 CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR A COUNTY THAT IS LOCATED WITHIN THE
2 SOUTHERN MARYLAND REGION SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED AS FOLLOWS:

3 (I) 70% TO THE SOUTHERN MARYLAND REGION
4 TRANSPORTATION FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER § 10.5-309 OF THE
5 TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE; AND

6 (II) 1. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED UNDER ITEM 2 OF THIS ITEM,
7 30% TO THE COUNTY WHERE THE PROPERTY IS LOCATED; OR

8 2. IF THE TRANSFERRED PROPERTY IS LOCATED IN A
9 MUNICIPALITY, 30% TO THE MUNICIPALITY WHERE THE PROPERTY IS LOCATED.

10 (4) A COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY THAT RECEIVES A DISTRIBUTION
11 UNDER THIS SUBSECTION MAY USE THE REVENUE ONLY FOR TRANSPORTATION
12 PURPOSES.

13 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read
14 as follows:

15 **Article – Transportation**

16 **TITLE 10.5. REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITIES.**

17 **SUBTITLE 1. BALTIMORE REGION TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY.**

18 **10.5-101.**

19 (A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
20 INDICATED.

21 (B) “AUTHORITY” MEANS THE BALTIMORE REGION TRANSPORTATION
22 AUTHORITY.

23 (C) “BALTIMORE REGION” MEANS ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, BALTIMORE
24 COUNTY, BALTIMORE CITY, AND HOWARD COUNTY.

25 (D) “TRANSPORTATION FACILITY” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 3-101 OF
26 THIS ARTICLE.

27 **10.5-102.**

28 (A) THERE IS A BALTIMORE REGION TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY.

1 **(B) THE AUTHORITY IS A BODY POLITIC AND CORPORATE AND IS AN**
2 **INSTRUMENTALITY OF THE STATE.**

3 **(C) THE EXERCISE BY THE AUTHORITY OF A POWER UNDER THIS SUBTITLE**
4 **IS THE PERFORMANCE OF AN ESSENTIAL GOVERNMENTAL FUNCTION.**

5 **10.5-103.**

6 **THE PURPOSE OF THE AUTHORITY IS TO PREPARE AND IMPLEMENT**
7 **INVESTMENTS IN TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS THAT MAXIMIZE THE MOVEMENT OF**
8 **PEOPLE AND PROMOTE EFFICIENCY, SAFETY, AND OTHER VALUES SUCH AS**
9 **ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL JUSTICE IMPACTS.**

10 **10.5-104.**

11 **(A) THE AUTHORITY CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:**

12 **(1) THE MAYOR OF BALTIMORE CITY, OR THE MAYOR'S DESIGNEE;**

13 **(2) THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, OR THE**
14 **COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S DESIGNEE;**

15 **(3) THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, OR THE**
16 **COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S DESIGNEE;**

17 **(4) THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE OF HOWARD COUNTY, OR THE COUNTY**
18 **EXECUTIVE'S DESIGNEE;**

19 **(5) ONE ELECTED OFFICIAL FROM EACH MUNICIPALITY WITHIN THE**
20 **BALTIMORE REGION, APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE MUNICIPALITY;**

21 **(6) ONE MEMBER OF THE SENATE OF MARYLAND WHO RESIDES**
22 **WITHIN THE BALTIMORE REGION, APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE;**

23 **(7) TWO MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES WHO RESIDE**
24 **WITHIN THE BALTIMORE REGION, APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE;**
25 **AND**

26 **(8) TWO MEMBERS WITH EXPERIENCE IN TRANSPORTATION**
27 **PLANNING, FINANCE, ENGINEERING, CONSTRUCTION, OR MANAGEMENT,**
28 **APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR.**

29 **(B) THE SECRETARY SHALL SERVE AS A NONVOTING, EX OFFICIO MEMBER.**

1 (c) (1) THE TERM OF A MEMBER IS 4 YEARS.

2 (2) AT THE END OF A TERM, A MEMBER CONTINUES TO SERVE UNTIL
3 A SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED AND QUALIFIES.

4 (d) FROM AMONG ITS MEMBERS, THE AUTHORITY SHALL ELECT A CHAIR
5 AND A VICE CHAIR.

6 (e) THE AUTHORITY SHALL ADOPT RULES AND REGULATIONS NECESSARY
7 FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE AUTHORITY'S AFFAIRS.

8 **10.5-105.**

9 (a) (1) THE AUTHORITY SHALL EMPLOY AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO
10 SERVE AS THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE AUTHORITY.

11 (2) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHALL SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF
12 THE AUTHORITY.

13 (b) THE AUTHORITY MAY EMPLOY OR RETAIN OFFICERS, STAFF, AND
14 AGENTS, INCLUDING ENGINEERING, ARCHITECTURAL, FISCAL, AND CONSTRUCTION
15 EXPERTS AND ATTORNEYS, AND SET THEIR COMPENSATION.

16 **10.5-106.**

17 (a) THE AUTHORITY MAY:

18 (1) ADOPT BYLAWS FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE AUTHORITY'S
19 BUSINESS;

20 (2) ADOPT A SEAL;

21 (3) MAINTAIN OFFICES AT A PLACE THE AUTHORITY DESIGNATES IN
22 THE STATE;

23 (4) ACCEPT LOANS, GRANTS, OR ASSISTANCE OF ANY KIND FROM THE
24 FEDERAL OR STATE GOVERNMENT, A LOCAL GOVERNMENT, A COLLEGE OR
25 UNIVERSITY, OR A PRIVATE SOURCE;

26 (5) ENTER INTO CONTRACTS AND OTHER LEGAL INSTRUMENTS;

27 (6) SUE OR BE SUED;

(7) ACQUIRE, PURCHASE, HOLD, LEASE AS LESSEE, AND USE:

(I) A FRANCHISE, PATENT, OR LICENSE;

(II) STOCK OR OTHER FORMS OF OWNERSHIP INTERESTS IN LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANIES, PARTNERSHIPS, OR OTHER ENTERPRISES OPERATED FOR PROFIT OR NOT FOR PROFIT;

(III) ANY REAL, PERSONAL, MIXED, TANGIBLE, OR INTANGIBLE

(IV) AN INTEREST IN A PROPERTY LISTED UNDER ITEMS (I) & THIS ITEM;

(8) SELL, LEASE AS LESSOR, TRANSFER, LICENSE, ASSIGN, OR
OF PROPERTY OR A PROPERTY INTEREST THAT THE AUTHORITY

(9) FIX AND COLLECT RATES, RENTALS, FEES, ROYALTIES, AND
OR SERVICES AND RESOURCES THE AUTHORITY PROVIDES OR MAKES
;

(10) CREATE, OWN, CONTROL, OR BE A MEMBER OF A CORPORATION, LIABILITY COMPANY, PARTNERSHIP, OR OTHER ENTITY, WHETHER FOR PROFIT OR NOT FOR PROFIT;

(11) EXERCISE POWER USUALLY POSSESSED BY A PRIVATE
ATION IN PERFORMING SIMILAR FUNCTIONS UNLESS TO DO SO WOULD
WITH STATE LAW; AND

**(12) DO ALL THINGS NECESSARY OR CONVENIENT TO CARRY OUT THE
WANTS OF THE SUBTITLE.**

24 (B) (1) THE AUTHORITY SHALL EVALUATE ALL TRANSPORTATION
25 PROJECTS AND IMPROVEMENTS OF REGIONAL SIGNIFICANCE, INCLUDING
26 HIGHWAY, MASS TRANSIT, AND TECHNOLOGY PROJECTS, IN AND NEAR THE
27 BALTIMORE REGION.

5 (4) THE AUTHORITY MAY RELY ON THE RESULTS OF
6 TRANSPORTATION MODELING PERFORMED BY OTHER ENTITIES, INCLUDING THE
7 DEPARTMENT AND PRIVATE ENTITIES CONTRACTED FOR THIS PURPOSE.

12 (C) THE AUTHORITY MAY DELEGATE ANY POWER OR DUTY THE AUTHORITY
13 CONSIDERS APPROPRIATE TO A MEMBER, AN OFFICER, AN AGENT, OR AN EMPLOYEE
14 OF THE AUTHORITY.

15 10.5-107.

16 (A) (1) THE AUTHORITY SHALL PREPARE A REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION
17 PLAN FOR THE BALTIMORE REGION THAT INCLUDES TRANSPORTATION
18 IMPROVEMENTS OF REGIONAL SIGNIFICANCE.

21 (B) AFTER THE ADOPTION OF A REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN, THE
22 AUTHORITY MAY CONSTRUCT OR ACQUIRE, BY PURCHASE, LEASE, CONTRACT, OR
23 OTHERWISE, THE TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES SPECIFIED IN THE REGIONAL
24 TRANSPORTATION PLAN.

25 10.5-108.

26 (A) THE AUTHORITY SHALL HAVE THE FOLLOWING DUTIES AND
27 RESPONSIBILITIES:

4 (4) ALLOCATING TO PRIORITY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION
5 PROJECTS ANY FUNDS MADE AVAILABLE TO THE AUTHORITY AND, AT THE
6 DISCRETION OF THE AUTHORITY, DIRECTLY OVERSEEING THE PROJECTS;

15 (8) SERVING AS AN ADVOCATE FOR THE TRANSPORTATION NEEDS OF
16 THE BALTIMORE REGION BEFORE THE STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS; AND

20 (B) THE AUTHORITY SHALL CONSULT WITH THE DEPARTMENT,
21 METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS, AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS IN
22 RECOMMENDING OR PRIORITIZING ANY TRANSPORTATION PROJECT.

23 10.5-109.

24 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "FUND" MEANS THE BALTIMORE REGION
25 TRANSPORTATION FUND.

(B) THERE IS A BALTIMORE REGION TRANSPORTATION FUND.

27 (c) THE PURPOSE OF THE FUND IS TO FINANCE TRANSPORTATION
28 FACILITIES IN THE BALTIMORE REGION.

29 (D) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE AUTHORITY SHALL ADMINISTER
30 THE FUND.

1 (E) (1) THE FUND IS A SPECIAL, NONLAPSING FUND THAT IS NOT
2 SUBJECT TO § 7-302 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.

3 (2) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL HOLD THE FUND SEPARATELY,
4 AND THE COMPTROLLER SHALL ACCOUNT FOR THE FUND.

5 (F) THE FUND CONSISTS OF:

6 (1) MONEY APPROPRIATED IN THE STATE BUDGET TO THE FUND;

7 (2) INTEREST EARNINGS;

8 (3) REVENUE DISTRIBUTED TO THE FUND UNDER § 2-1303 OF THE
9 TAX - GENERAL ARTICLE;

10 (4) REVENUE DISTRIBUTED TO THE FUND UNDER § 13-209 OF THE
11 TAX - PROPERTY ARTICLE; AND

12 (5) ANY OTHER MONEY FROM ANY OTHER SOURCE ACCEPTED FOR
13 THE BENEFIT OF THE FUND.

14 (G) (1) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE FUND
15 MAY BE USED ONLY FOR THE FINANCING OF TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES IN THE
16 BALTIMORE REGION.

17 (2) EACH FISCAL YEAR, AT LEAST 30% OF THE FUND SHALL BE USED
18 FOR TRANSIT PROJECTS.

19 (H) (1) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL INVEST THE MONEY OF THE FUND
20 IN THE SAME MANNER AS OTHER STATE MONEY MAY BE INVESTED.

21 (2) ANY INTEREST EARNINGS OF THE FUND SHALL BE CREDITED TO
22 THE FUND.

23 (I) EXPENDITURES FROM THE FUND MAY BE MADE ONLY IN ACCORDANCE
24 WITH THE STATE BUDGET.

25 (J) MONEY EXPENDED FROM THE FUND FOR FINANCING TRANSPORTATION
26 FACILITIES IN THE BALTIMORE REGION IS SUPPLEMENTAL TO AND IS NOT
27 INTENDED TO TAKE THE PLACE OF FUNDING THAT OTHERWISE WOULD BE
28 APPROPRIATED FOR TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES IN THE BALTIMORE REGION.

1 **10.5-110.**

2 **ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2027, AND EACH JANUARY 1 THEREAFTER, THE**
3 **AUTHORITY SHALL REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH §**
4 **2-1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE**
5 **AUTHORITY DURING THE PRIOR YEAR.**

6 **SUBTITLE 2. CAPITAL REGION TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY.**7 **10.5-201.**

8 **(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS**
9 **INDICATED.**

10 **(B) “AUTHORITY” MEANS THE CAPITAL REGION TRANSPORTATION**
11 **AUTHORITY.**

12 **(C) “CAPITAL REGION” MEANS FREDERICK COUNTY, MONTGOMERY**
13 **COUNTY, AND PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY.**

14 **(D) “TRANSPORTATION FACILITY” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 3-101 OF**
15 **THIS ARTICLE.**

16 **10.5-202.**

17 **(A) THERE IS A CAPITAL REGION TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY.**

18 **(B) THE AUTHORITY IS A BODY POLITIC AND CORPORATE AND IS AN**
19 **INSTRUMENTALITY OF THE STATE.**

20 **(C) THE EXERCISE BY THE AUTHORITY OF A POWER UNDER THIS SUBTITLE**
21 **IS THE PERFORMANCE OF AN ESSENTIAL GOVERNMENTAL FUNCTION.**

22 **10.5-203.**

23 **THE PURPOSE OF THE AUTHORITY IS TO PREPARE AND IMPLEMENT**
24 **INVESTMENTS IN TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS THAT MAXIMIZE THE MOVEMENT OF**
25 **PEOPLE AND PROMOTE EFFICIENCY, SAFETY, AND OTHER VALUES SUCH AS**
26 **ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL JUSTICE IMPACTS.**

27 **10.5-204.**

28 **(A) THE AUTHORITY CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:**

22 (B) THE SECRETARY SHALL SERVE AS A NONVOTING, EX OFFICIO MEMBER.

23 (c) (1) THE TERM OF A MEMBER IS 4 YEARS.

26 (D) FROM AMONG ITS MEMBERS, THE AUTHORITY SHALL ELECT A CHAIR
27 AND A VICE CHAIR.

28 (E) THE AUTHORITY SHALL ADOPT RULES AND REGULATIONS NECESSARY
29 FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE AUTHORITY'S AFFAIRS.

1 **10.5-205.**2 **(A) (1) THE AUTHORITY SHALL EMPLOY AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO**
3 **SERVE AS THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE AUTHORITY.**4 **(2) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHALL SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF**
5 **THE AUTHORITY.**6 **(B) THE AUTHORITY MAY EMPLOY OR RETAIN OFFICERS, STAFF, AND**
7 **AGENTS, INCLUDING ENGINEERING, ARCHITECTURAL, FISCAL, AND CONSTRUCTION**
8 **EXPERTS AND ATTORNEYS, AND SET THEIR COMPENSATION.**9 **10.5-206.**10 **(A) THE AUTHORITY MAY:**11 **(1) ADOPT BYLAWS FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE AUTHORITY'S**
12 **BUSINESS;**13 **(2) ADOPT A SEAL;**14 **(3) MAINTAIN OFFICES AT A PLACE THE AUTHORITY DESIGNATES IN**
15 **THE STATE;**16 **(4) ACCEPT LOANS, GRANTS, OR ASSISTANCE OF ANY KIND FROM THE**
17 **FEDERAL OR STATE GOVERNMENT, A LOCAL GOVERNMENT, A COLLEGE OR**
18 **UNIVERSITY, OR A PRIVATE SOURCE;**19 **(5) ENTER INTO CONTRACTS AND OTHER LEGAL INSTRUMENTS;**20 **(6) SUE OR BE SUED;**21 **(7) ACQUIRE, PURCHASE, HOLD, LEASE AS LESSEE, AND USE:**22 **(I) A FRANCHISE, PATENT, OR LICENSE;**23 **(II) STOCK OR OTHER FORMS OF OWNERSHIP INTERESTS IN**
24 **CORPORATIONS, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANIES, PARTNERSHIPS, OR OTHER**
25 **ENTITIES, WHETHER OPERATED FOR PROFIT OR NOT FOR PROFIT;**26 **(III) ANY REAL, PERSONAL, MIXED, TANGIBLE, OR INTANGIBLE**
27 **PROPERTY; OR**

1 (IV) AN INTEREST IN A PROPERTY LISTED UNDER ITEMS (I)
2 THROUGH (III) OF THIS ITEM;

3 (8) SELL, LEASE AS LESSOR, TRANSFER, LICENSE, ASSIGN, OR
4 DISPOSE OF PROPERTY OR A PROPERTY INTEREST THAT THE AUTHORITY
5 ACQUIRES;

20 10.5-207.

21 (A) (1) THE AUTHORITY SHALL PREPARE A REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION
22 PLAN FOR THE CAPITAL REGION THAT INCLUDES TRANSPORTATION
23 IMPROVEMENTS OF REGIONAL SIGNIFICANCE.

26 (B) (1) THE AUTHORITY SHALL EVALUATE ALL TRANSPORTATION
27 PROJECTS AND IMPROVEMENTS OF REGIONAL SIGNIFICANCE, INCLUDING
28 HIGHWAY, MASS TRANSIT, AND TECHNOLOGY PROJECTS, IN AND NEAR THE CAPITAL
29 REGION.

1 IS EXPECTED TO REDUCE CONGESTION AND, TO THE EXTENT FEASIBLE, THE
2 DEGREE TO WHICH THE PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO IMPROVE REGIONAL MOBILITY.

3 (3) THE EVALUATION SHALL RELY ON ANALYTICAL TECHNIQUES AND
4 TRANSPORTATION MODELING, INCLUDING THOSE THAT EMPLOY COMPUTER
5 SIMULATIONS CUSTOMARILY EMPLOYED IN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AT THE
6 TIME OF THE EVALUATION.

7 (4) THE AUTHORITY MAY RELY ON THE RESULTS OF
8 TRANSPORTATION MODELING PERFORMED BY OTHER ENTITIES, INCLUDING THE
9 DEPARTMENT AND PRIVATE ENTITIES CONTRACTED FOR THIS PURPOSE.

10 (5) THE AUTHORITY SHALL PUBLICIZE THE QUANTITATIVE RATINGS
11 DETERMINED FOR EACH PROJECT ON ITS WEBSITE AND COMPLETE THE
12 EVALUATION AT LEAST ONCE EVERY 4 YEARS, WITH INTERIM PROGRESS REPORTS
13 PROVIDED ON THE WEBSITE AT LEAST ONCE EVERY 6 MONTHS.

14 (C) AFTER THE ADOPTION OF A REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN, THE
15 AUTHORITY MAY CONSTRUCT OR ACQUIRE, BY PURCHASE, LEASE, CONTRACT, OR
16 OTHERWISE, THE TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES SPECIFIED IN THE REGIONAL
17 TRANSPORTATION PLAN.

18 **10.5–208.**

19 (A) THE AUTHORITY SHALL HAVE THE FOLLOWING DUTIES AND
20 RESPONSIBILITIES:

21 (1) GENERAL OVERSIGHT OF REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION
22 PROGRAMS;

23 (2) LONG-RANGE REGIONAL PLANNING FOR THE CAPITAL REGION,
24 BOTH FISCALLY CONSTRAINED AND UNCONSTRAINED;

25 (3) RECOMMENDING TO STATE, REGIONAL, AND FEDERAL AGENCIES
26 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PRIORITIES, INCLUDING PUBLIC-PRIVATE
27 TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS, AND FUNDING ALLOCATIONS;

28 (4) ALLOCATING TO PRIORITY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION
29 PROJECTS ANY FUNDS MADE AVAILABLE TO THE AUTHORITY AND, AT THE
30 DISCRETION OF THE AUTHORITY, DIRECTLY OVERSEEING THE PROJECTS;

31 (5) RECOMMENDING TO THE DEPARTMENT PRIORITY REGIONAL
32 TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS FOR RECEIPT OF FEDERAL AND STATE FUNDS;

7 (8) SERVING AS AN ADVOCATE FOR THE TRANSPORTATION NEEDS OF
8 THE CAPITAL REGION BEFORE THE STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS; AND

12 (B) THE AUTHORITY SHALL CONSULT WITH THE DEPARTMENT,
13 METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS, AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS IN
14 RECOMMENDING OR PRIORITIZING ANY TRANSPORTATION PROJECT.

15 10.5-209.

16 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "FUND" MEANS THE CAPITAL REGION
17 TRANSPORTATION FUND.

18 (B) THERE IS A CAPITAL REGION TRANSPORTATION FUND.

19 (c) THE PURPOSE OF THE FUND IS TO FINANCE TRANSPORTATION
20 FACILITIES IN THE CAPITAL REGION.

21 (D) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE AUTHORITY SHALL ADMINISTER
22 THE FUND.

23 (E) (1) THE FUND IS A SPECIAL, NONLAPSING FUND THAT IS NOT
24 SUBJECT TO § 7-302 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.

27 (F) THE FUND CONSISTS OF:

28 (1) MONEY APPROPRIATED IN THE STATE BUDGET TO THE FUND;

(2) INTEREST EARNINGS;

2 (3) REVENUE DISTRIBUTED TO THE FUND UNDER § 2-1303 OF THE
3 TAX - GENERAL ARTICLE;

4 (4) REVENUE DISTRIBUTED TO THE FUND UNDER § 13-209 OF THE
5 TAX – PROPERTY ARTICLE; AND

6 (5) ANY OTHER MONEY FROM ANY OTHER SOURCE ACCEPTED FOR
7 THE BENEFIT OF THE FUND.

13 (H) (1) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL INVEST THE MONEY OF THE FUND
14 IN THE SAME MANNER AS OTHER STATE MONEY MAY BE INVESTED.

15 (2) ANY INTEREST EARNINGS OF THE FUND SHALL BE CREDITED TO
16 THE FUND.

17 (I) EXPENDITURES FROM THE FUND MAY BE MADE ONLY IN ACCORDANCE
18 WITH THE STATE BUDGET.

19 (J) MONEY EXPENDED FROM THE FUND FOR FINANCING TRANSPORTATION
20 FACILITIES IN THE CAPITAL REGION IS SUPPLEMENTAL TO AND IS NOT INTENDED
21 TO TAKE THE PLACE OF FUNDING THAT OTHERWISE WOULD BE APPROPRIATED FOR
22 TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES IN THE CAPITAL REGION.

23 10.5-210.

24 **ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2027, AND EACH JANUARY 1 THEREAFTER, THE**
25 **AUTHORITY SHALL REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH §**
26 **2-1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE**
27 **AUTHORITY DURING THE PRIOR YEAR.**

28 **SUBTITLE 3. SOUTHERN MARYLAND REGION TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY.**

29 10.5-301.

1 (A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
2 INDICATED.

3 (B) "AUTHORITY" MEANS THE SOUTHERN MARYLAND REGION
4 TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY.

5 (C) "SOUTHERN MARYLAND REGION" MEANS CALVERT COUNTY, CHARLES
6 COUNTY, AND ST. MARY'S COUNTY.

7 (D) "TRANSPORTATION FACILITY" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 3-101 OF
8 THIS ARTICLE.

9 **10.5-302.**

10 (A) THERE IS A SOUTHERN MARYLAND REGION TRANSPORTATION
11 AUTHORITY.

12 (B) THE AUTHORITY IS A BODY POLITIC AND CORPORATE AND IS AN
13 INSTRUMENTALITY OF THE STATE.

14 (C) THE EXERCISE BY THE AUTHORITY OF A POWER UNDER THIS SUBTITLE
15 IS THE PERFORMANCE OF AN ESSENTIAL GOVERNMENTAL FUNCTION.

16 **10.5-303.**

17 THE PURPOSE OF THE AUTHORITY IS TO PREPARE AND IMPLEMENT
18 INVESTMENTS IN TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS THAT MAXIMIZE THE MOVEMENT OF
19 PEOPLE AND PROMOTE EFFICIENCY, SAFETY, AND OTHER VALUES SUCH AS
20 ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL JUSTICE IMPACTS.

21 **10.5-304.**

22 (A) THE AUTHORITY CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

23 (1) ONE MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF CALVERT
24 COUNTY;

25 (2) ONE MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF CHARLES
26 COUNTY;

27 (3) ONE MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF ST.
28 MARY'S COUNTY;

(B) THE SECRETARY SHALL SERVE AS A NONVOTING, EX OFFICIO MEMBER.

14 (C) (1) THE TERM OF A MEMBER IS 4 YEARS.

17 (D) FROM AMONG ITS MEMBERS, THE AUTHORITY SHALL ELECT A CHAIR
18 AND A VICE CHAIR.

19 (E) THE AUTHORITY SHALL ADOPT RULES AND REGULATIONS NECESSARY
20 FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE AUTHORITY'S AFFAIRS.

21 10.5-305.

22 (A) (1) THE AUTHORITY SHALL EMPLOY AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO
23 SERVE AS THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE AUTHORITY.

26 (B) THE AUTHORITY MAY EMPLOY OR RETAIN OFFICERS, STAFF, AND
27 AGENTS, INCLUDING ENGINEERING, ARCHITECTURAL, FISCAL, AND CONSTRUCTION
28 EXPERTS AND ATTORNEYS, AND SET THEIR COMPENSATION.

29 10.5-306.

1 **(A) THE AUTHORITY MAY:**2 **(1) ADOPT BYLAWS FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE AUTHORITY'S**
3 **BUSINESS;**4 **(2) ADOPT A SEAL;**5 **(3) MAINTAIN OFFICES AT A PLACE THE AUTHORITY DESIGNATES IN**
6 **THE STATE;**7 **(4) ACCEPT LOANS, GRANTS, OR ASSISTANCE OF ANY KIND FROM THE**
8 **FEDERAL OR STATE GOVERNMENT, A LOCAL GOVERNMENT, A COLLEGE OR**
9 **UNIVERSITY, OR A PRIVATE SOURCE;**10 **(5) ENTER INTO CONTRACTS AND OTHER LEGAL INSTRUMENTS;**11 **(6) SUE OR BE SUED;**12 **(7) ACQUIRE, PURCHASE, HOLD, LEASE AS LESSEE, AND USE:**13 **(I) A FRANCHISE, PATENT, OR LICENSE;**14 **(II) STOCK OR OTHER FORMS OF OWNERSHIP INTERESTS IN**
15 **CORPORATIONS, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANIES, PARTNERSHIPS, OR OTHER**
16 **ENTITIES, WHETHER OPERATED FOR PROFIT OR NOT FOR PROFIT;**17 **(III) ANY REAL, PERSONAL, MIXED, TANGIBLE, OR INTANGIBLE**
18 **PROPERTY; OR**19 **(IV) AN INTEREST IN A PROPERTY LISTED UNDER ITEMS (I)**
20 **THROUGH (III) OF THIS ITEM;**21 **(8) SELL, LEASE AS LESSOR, TRANSFER, LICENSE, ASSIGN, OR**
22 **DISPOSE OF PROPERTY OR A PROPERTY INTEREST THAT THE AUTHORITY**
23 **ACQUIRES;**24 **(9) FIX AND COLLECT RATES, RENTALS, FEES, ROYALTIES, AND**
25 **CHARGES FOR SERVICES AND RESOURCES THE AUTHORITY PROVIDES OR MAKES**
26 **AVAILABLE;**27 **(10) CREATE, OWN, CONTROL, OR BE A MEMBER OF A CORPORATION,**
28 **LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, PARTNERSHIP, OR OTHER ENTITY, WHETHER**
29 **OPERATED FOR PROFIT OR NOT FOR PROFIT;**

6 **(B) THE AUTHORITY MAY DELEGATE ANY POWER OR DUTY THE AUTHORITY
7 CONSIDERS APPROPRIATE TO A MEMBER, AN OFFICER, AN AGENT, OR AN EMPLOYEE
8 OF THE AUTHORITY.**

9 10.5-307.

10 (A) (1) THE AUTHORITY SHALL PREPARE A REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION
11 PLAN FOR THE SOUTHERN MARYLAND REGION THAT INCLUDES TRANSPORTATION
12 IMPROVEMENTS OF REGIONAL SIGNIFICANCE.

15 (B) (1) THE AUTHORITY SHALL EVALUATE ALL TRANSPORTATION
16 PROJECTS AND IMPROVEMENTS OF REGIONAL SIGNIFICANCE, INCLUDING
17 HIGHWAY, MASS TRANSIT, AND TECHNOLOGY PROJECTS, IN AND NEAR THE
18 SOUTHERN MARYLAND REGION.

27 (4) THE AUTHORITY MAY RELY ON THE RESULTS OF
28 TRANSPORTATION MODELING PERFORMED BY OTHER ENTITIES, INCLUDING THE
29 DEPARTMENT AND PRIVATE ENTITIES CONTRACTED FOR THIS PURPOSE.

1 EVALUATION AT LEAST ONCE EVERY 4 YEARS, WITH INTERIM PROGRESS REPORTS
2 PROVIDED ON THE WEBSITE AT LEAST ONCE EVERY 6 MONTHS.

3 (C) AFTER THE ADOPTION OF A REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN, THE
4 AUTHORITY MAY CONSTRUCT OR ACQUIRE, BY PURCHASE, LEASE, CONTRACT, OR
5 OTHERWISE, THE TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES SPECIFIED IN THE REGIONAL
6 TRANSPORTATION PLAN.

7 **10.5-308.**

8 (A) THE AUTHORITY SHALL HAVE THE FOLLOWING DUTIES AND
9 RESPONSIBILITIES:

10 (1) GENERAL OVERSIGHT OF REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION
11 PROGRAMS;

12 (2) LONG-RANGE REGIONAL PLANNING FOR THE SOUTHERN
13 MARYLAND REGION, BOTH FISCALLY CONSTRAINED AND UNCONSTRAINED;

14 (3) RECOMMENDING TO STATE, REGIONAL, AND FEDERAL AGENCIES
15 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PRIORITIES, INCLUDING PUBLIC-PRIVATE
16 TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS, AND FUNDING ALLOCATIONS;

17 (4) ALLOCATING TO PRIORITY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION
18 PROJECTS ANY FUNDS MADE AVAILABLE TO THE AUTHORITY AND, AT THE
19 DISCRETION OF THE AUTHORITY, DIRECTLY OVERSEEING THE PROJECTS;

20 (5) RECOMMENDING TO THE DEPARTMENT PRIORITY REGIONAL
21 TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS FOR RECEIPT OF FEDERAL AND STATE FUNDS;

22 (6) RECOMMENDING TO THE DEPARTMENT USE OR CHANGES IN USE
23 OF TOLLS OR CHARGES FOR FACILITIES IN THE SOUTHERN MARYLAND REGION;

24 (7) GENERAL OVERSIGHT OF REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION ISSUES OF
25 A MULTIJURISDICTIONAL NATURE, INCLUDING INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION
26 SYSTEMS, SIGNALIZATION, AND PREPARATION FOR AND RESPONSE TO
27 EMERGENCIES;

28 (8) SERVING AS AN ADVOCATE FOR THE TRANSPORTATION NEEDS OF
29 THE SOUTHERN MARYLAND REGION BEFORE THE STATE AND FEDERAL
30 GOVERNMENTS; AND

4 (B) THE AUTHORITY SHALL CONSULT WITH THE DEPARTMENT,
5 METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS, AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS IN
6 RECOMMENDING OR PRIORITIZING ANY TRANSPORTATION PROJECT.

7 10.5-309.

8 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "FUND" MEANS THE SOUTHERN MARYLAND REGION
9 TRANSPORTATION FUND.

10 **(B) THERE IS A SOUTHERN MARYLAND REGION TRANSPORTATION FUND.**

11 (c) THE PURPOSE OF THE FUND IS TO FINANCE TRANSPORTATION
12 FACILITIES IN THE SOUTHERN MARYLAND REGION.

13 (D) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE AUTHORITY SHALL ADMINISTER
14 THE FUND.

15 (E) (1) THE FUND IS A SPECIAL, NONLAPSING FUND THAT IS NOT
16 SUBJECT TO § 7-302 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.

19 (F) THE FUND CONSISTS OF:

20 (1) MONEY APPROPRIATED IN THE STATE BUDGET TO THE FUND;

21 (2) INTEREST EARNINGS;

22 (3) REVENUE DISTRIBUTED TO THE FUND UNDER § 2-1303 OF THE
23 TAX - GENERAL ARTICLE:

24 (4) REVENUE DISTRIBUTED TO THE FUND UNDER § 13-209 OF THE
25 TAX – PROPERTY ARTICLE: AND

26 (5) ANY OTHER MONEY FROM ANY OTHER SOURCE ACCEPTED FOR
27 THE BENEFIT OF THE FUND.

1 (G) (1) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE FUND
2 MAY BE USED ONLY FOR THE FINANCING OF TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES IN THE
3 SOUTHERN MARYLAND REGION.

4 (2) EACH FISCAL YEAR, AT LEAST 30% OF THE FUND SHALL BE USED
5 FOR TRANSIT PROJECTS.

6 (H) (1) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL INVEST THE MONEY OF THE FUND
7 IN THE SAME MANNER AS OTHER STATE MONEY MAY BE INVESTED.

8 (2) ANY INTEREST EARNINGS OF THE FUND SHALL BE CREDITED TO
9 THE FUND.

10 (I) EXPENDITURES FROM THE FUND MAY BE MADE ONLY IN ACCORDANCE
11 WITH THE STATE BUDGET.

12 (J) MONEY EXPENDED FROM THE FUND FOR FINANCING TRANSPORTATION
13 FACILITIES IN THE SOUTHERN MARYLAND REGION IS SUPPLEMENTAL TO AND IS
14 NOT INTENDED TO TAKE THE PLACE OF FUNDING THAT OTHERWISE WOULD BE
15 APPROPRIATED FOR TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES IN THE SOUTHERN MARYLAND
16 REGION.

17 10.5-310.

18 ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2027, AND EACH JANUARY 1 THEREAFTER, THE
19 AUTHORITY SHALL REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH §
20 2-1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE
21 AUTHORITY DURING THE PRIOR YEAR.

22 SUBTITLE 4. FINANCING OF TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS.

23 10.5-401.

24 IN THIS SUBTITLE, "AUTHORITY" MEANS:

25 (1) THE BALTIMORE REGION TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
26 ESTABLISHED UNDER § 10.5-102 OF THIS TITLE;

27 (2) THE CAPITAL REGION TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
28 ESTABLISHED UNDER § 10.5-202 OF THIS TITLE; AND

29 (3) THE SOUTHERN MARYLAND REGION TRANSPORTATION
30 AUTHORITY ESTABLISHED UNDER § 10.5-302 OF THIS TITLE.

1 **10.5-402.**

2 **(A)** TO FINANCE THE COST OF TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES AND
3 PROJECTS, AN AUTHORITY MAY ISSUE BONDS, NOTES, OR OTHER EVIDENCES OF
4 OBLIGATION, PAYABLE SOLELY FROM THE REVENUES DISTRIBUTED TO THE
5 AUTHORITY.

6 **(B)** BOND PROCEEDS MAY BE USED SOLELY FOR PAYING THE COST OF
7 TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES AND PROJECTS.

8 **10.5-403.**

9 **(A)** BONDS ISSUED BY AN AUTHORITY UNDER THIS SUBTITLE MAY NOT:

10 **(1)** CONSTITUTE A DEBT OF THE STATE OR A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION
11 OF THE STATE OTHER THAN THE AUTHORITY, AND SHALL SO STATE ON THEIR FACE;

12 **(2)** CONSTITUTE A PLEDGE OF THE FULL FAITH AND CREDIT OF THE
13 STATE OR A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE; OR

14 **(3)** DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY OBLIGATE THE STATE OR A POLITICAL
15 SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE TO IMPOSE ANY TAX, AND SHALL CONTAIN A
16 STATEMENT ON THEIR FACE TO THAT EFFECT.

17 **(B)** AN AUTHORITY SHALL DETERMINE THE FOLLOWING CONCERNING
18 BONDS ISSUED BY THE AUTHORITY:

19 **(1)** DATE OF ISSUE;

20 **(2)** INTEREST RATE;

21 **(3)** DATE AND AMOUNT OF MATURITY, EXCEPT THAT A BOND MAY NOT
22 MATURE MORE THAN 40 YEARS AFTER ITS DATE OF ISSUE;

23 **(4)** FORM AND MANNER OF EXECUTION;

24 **(5)** MANNER OF SALE; AND

25 **(6)** ANY OTHER MATTER RELATING TO THE FORM, TERMS,
26 CONDITIONS, ISSUANCE, SALE, AND DELIVERY OF THE BONDS.

27 **(C)** AN AUTHORITY MAY ISSUE BONDS:

6 (D) (1) BONDS SHALL BE EXECUTED ON BEHALF OF AN AUTHORITY BY
7 THE MANUAL OR FACSIMILE SIGNATURES OF THE INDIVIDUALS DESIGNATED BY THE
8 GOVERNING BODY OF THE AUTHORITY.

9 (2) OTHER SIGNATURES ON THE BONDS MAY BE EITHER MANUAL OR
10 FACSIMILE.

11 (E) IF AN INDIVIDUAL WHOSE MANUAL OR FACSIMILE SIGNATURE APPEARS
12 ON ANY BOND OR COUPON CEASES TO SERVE IN AN AUTHORIZED CAPACITY BEFORE
13 THE DELIVERY OF THE BOND, THE SIGNATURE NEVERTHELESS IS AS VALID AND
14 SUFFICIENT FOR ALL PURPOSES AS IF THE INDIVIDUAL HAD REMAINED IN THAT
15 CAPACITY UNTIL DELIVERY OF THE BOND.

16 10.5-404.

17 (A) WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AN AUTHORITY
18 MAY ISSUE BONDS TO REFINANCE ALL OR ANY PART OF THE COST OF
19 TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES OR PROJECTS FOR WHICH THE AUTHORITY
20 PREVIOUSLY ISSUED BONDS UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

21 (B) IF, BY REASON OF INCREASED CONSTRUCTION COSTS, ERROR IN
22 ESTIMATES, OR OTHERWISE, THE PROCEEDS OF THE BONDS OF ANY ISSUE ARE LESS
23 THAN THE AMOUNT REQUIRED FOR THE PURPOSE FOR WHICH THE BONDS ARE
24 AUTHORIZED, ADDITIONAL BONDS MAY BE ISSUED IN A SIMILAR MANNER TO
25 PROVIDE THE AMOUNT OF THE DEFICIENCY.

26 10.5-405.

27 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "REFUNDING" MEANS THE RETIREMENT AND
28 CANCELLATION OF BONDS, INCLUDING BONDS OF PRIOR ISSUES, AFTER THEIR
29 ACQUISITION BY OR FOR AN AUTHORITY, WHETHER BEFORE, AT, OR AFTER
30 MATURITY, EITHER IN EXCHANGE FOR OTHER BONDS OR BY PAYMENT, PURCHASE,
31 OR REDEMPTION WITH THE PROCEEDS OF THE SALE OF OTHER BONDS.

32 (B) AN AUTHORITY MAY ISSUE REFUNDING BONDS FOR:

7 10.5-406.

8 BEFORE THE PREPARATION OF DEFINITIVE BONDS, AN AUTHORITY MAY
9 ISSUE INTERIM CERTIFICATES OR TEMPORARY BONDS, WITH OR WITHOUT
10 COUPONS, EXCHANGEABLE FOR DEFINITIVE BONDS WHEN THE DEFINITIVE BONDS
11 HAVE BEEN EXECUTED AND ARE AVAILABLE FOR DELIVERY.

12 10.5-407.

13 (A) AN AUTHORITY MAY ISSUE BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES PAYABLE TO
14 THE BEARER OR REGISTERED HOLDER OF THE NOTES OUT OF THE FIRST PROCEEDS
15 OF THE NEXT SALE OF BONDS ISSUED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

16 (B) THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES, THE DETAILS OF THEIR
17 ISSUANCE, THE RIGHTS OF THEIR HOLDERS, AND THE RIGHTS, DUTIES, AND
18 OBLIGATIONS OF THE AUTHORITY WITH RESPECT TO THE BOND ANTICIPATION
19 NOTES ARE GOVERNED BY THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE RELATING TO THE
20 ISSUANCE OF THE BONDS IN ANTICIPATION OF THE SALE AT WHICH THE NOTES ARE
21 ISSUED, INSOFAR AS THOSE PROVISIONS ARE APPLICABLE.

22 10.5-408.

23 (A) BONDS ISSUED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE MAY BE SECURED BY A TRUST
24 AGREEMENT BETWEEN AN AUTHORITY AND A CORPORATE TRUSTEE, WHICH MAY BE
25 ANY TRUST COMPANY OR BANK HAVING TRUST POWERS WITHIN OR OUTSIDE THE
26 STATE.

27 (B) THE TRUST AGREEMENT MAY PLEDGE OR ASSIGN ALL OR ANY PART OF
28 THE REVENUES OF AN AUTHORITY OR OF ANY TRANSPORTATION FACILITY OR
29 PROJECT.

30 10.5-409.

31 THE REVENUE DESIGNATED AS SECURITY FOR BONDS ISSUED UNDER THIS
32 SUBTITLE SHALL BE FIXED AND ADJUSTED SO AS TO PROVIDE FUNDS THAT ARE
33 SUFFICIENT AS LONG AS THE BONDS ARE OUTSTANDING AND UNPAID TO PAY THE

1 PRINCIPAL OF AND THE INTEREST ON THE BONDS AS THEY BECOME DUE AND
2 PAYABLE.

3 **10.5-410.**

4 ALL MONEY THAT IS RECEIVED BY AN AUTHORITY AS PROCEEDS FROM THE
5 SALE OF BONDS, NOTES, OR OTHER EVIDENCES OF OBLIGATION UNDER THIS
6 SUBTITLE AND, BY WAY OF RENTALS, RATES, FEES, FARES, AND TAXES, THAT IS
7 DESIGNATED BY ANY TRUST AGREEMENT AS SECURITY FOR THE BONDS, NOTES, OR
8 OTHER EVIDENCES OF OBLIGATION SHALL BE DEEMED TO BE TRUST FUNDS TO BE
9 HELD AND APPLIED ONLY AS PROVIDED IN THIS SUBTITLE.

10 **10.5-411.**

11 EXCEPT TO THE EXTENT RESTRICTED BY THE TRUST AGREEMENT, THE
12 TRUSTEE OR ANY HOLDER OF BONDS ISSUED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE OR OF ANY OF
13 THE COUPONS APPERTAINING TO THE BONDS MAY:

14 (1) BRING A SUIT OR ANY OTHER PROCEEDING TO PROTECT AND
15 ENFORCE ANY RIGHT UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OR UNDER THE TRUST
16 AGREEMENT; AND

17 (2) ENFORCE AND COMPEL THE PERFORMANCE OF ALL DUTIES
18 REQUIRED BY THIS SUBTITLE OR BY THE TRUST AGREEMENT TO BE PERFORMED BY
19 AN AUTHORITY OR BY ANY OF ITS OFFICERS.

20 **10.5-412.**

21 BONDS ISSUED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE ARE SECURITIES:

22 (1) IN WHICH ALL PUBLIC OFFICERS AND PUBLIC BODIES OF THE
23 STATE AND ITS POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS, ALL INSURANCE COMPANIES, STATE
24 BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES, NATIONAL BANKING ASSOCIATIONS, SAVINGS
25 BANKS, SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATIONS, INVESTMENT COMPANIES, EXECUTORS,
26 ADMINISTRATORS, TRUSTEES, AND OTHER FIDUCIARIES MAY PROPERLY AND
27 LEGALLY INVEST FUNDS, INCLUDING CAPITAL IN THEIR CONTROL OR BELONGING
28 TO THEM; AND

29 (2) THAT MAY BE PROPERLY AND LEGALLY DEPOSITED WITH AND
30 RECEIVED BY ANY STATE OR COUNTY OFFICER OR ANY AGENCY OR POLITICAL
31 SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE FOR ANY PURPOSE FOR WHICH THE DEPOSIT OF BONDS
32 OR OBLIGATIONS OF THE STATE IS AUTHORIZED BY LAW.

33 **10.5-413.**

1 **THE BONDS, NOTES, AND OTHER EVIDENCES OF OBLIGATION ISSUED UNDER**
2 **THIS SUBTITLE, THEIR TRANSFER, THE INTEREST PAYABLE ON THEM, AND ANY**
3 **INCOME DERIVED FROM THEM, INCLUDING ANY PROFIT REALIZED IN THEIR SALE**
4 **OR EXCHANGE, SHALL BE EXEMPT FROM TAXATION BY THE STATE OR BY ANY OF ITS**
5 **POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS, MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS, OR PUBLIC AGENCIES.**

6 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 2 of this Act shall be
7 applicable to all instruments of writing recorded or filed on or after October 1, 2026.

8 SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
9 October 1, 2026.