

Subject: Favorable HB450 Maryland Transit Administration - Disability Reduced Fare Program -
Renewal for Permanently Disabled Individuals

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The members of the National Federation of the Blind of Maryland urge the Senate Finance Committee to vote yes on HB450, a bill that will permit the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) to automatically renew the Disability Reduced Fare Program certification for permanently disabled people.

People who are blind are permanently disabled. This bill will save them valuable time and money because they will not have to go to the doctor, go in for an interview, etc. Of equal importance, this bill is a cost savings bill because the MTA will not have to employ personnel to take people off this system if they miss the certification deadline and to review the documents that are submitted by the customers. This bill is a win win for blind people and for the MTA. Please vote in favor of this bill because it will save both time and money for the individual and the state of Maryland.