

HOUSE BILL 636

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Transit Administration – Pretax Commuter Benefits Program**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Transit Administration to include as part
4 of a plan to meet certain transit needs improvements to its fare payment
5 systems; specifying that the plan allow the Administration to process fare media
6 in electronic form and provide electronic fare media to employers for
7 distribution to employees; requiring the Administration to implement certain
8 fare payment systems in a manner that allows employees to enroll in a
9 commuter benefits program online and use certain pretax contributions to pay
10 for the electronic fare media; and generally relating to electronic fare payment
11 systems for transit services and the employee pretax commuter benefits
12 program.

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
14 Article – Transportation
15 Section 7–301
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

20 **Article – Transportation**

21 7–301.

22 (a) The Administration shall prepare plans to meet the transit needs of the
23 District and from time to time shall review and revise these plans.

24 (b) The plans shall specify:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (1) The transit facilities to be constructed or acquired, including the
2 location of terminals, stations, and parking facilities;

3 (2) The character, nature, design, and location of the transit facilities;

4 (3) Whether the transit facilities are to be constructed or acquired by
5 lease, purchase, or condemnation;

6 (4) A timetable for providing the transit facilities;

7 (5) Anticipated capital costs;

8 (6) Estimated operating expenses and revenues;

9 (7) The type of equipment to be used;

10 (8) The areas to be served and the routes and schedules of service
11 expected to be provided;

12 (9) The expected fares and charges for service;

13 (10) The plan of financing the capital costs and operation of the transit
14 facilities;

15 (11) When applicable, improvements in interjurisdictional commuter
16 transit services including the location of corridors, routes, stations, and terminals;
17 [and]

18 **(12) IMPROVEMENTS TO FARE PAYMENT SYSTEMS THAT WILL**
19 **ALLOW THE ADMINISTRATION TO:**

20 **(I) PROCESS FARE MEDIA IN ELECTRONIC FORM; AND**

21 **(II) PROVIDE TO EMPLOYERS ELECTRONIC FARE MEDIA**
22 **FOR DISTRIBUTION TO EMPLOYEES AS PART OF A COMMUTER BENEFITS**
23 **PROGRAM; AND**

24 **[(12)] (13)** Any other information that the Administration considers
25 relevant.

26 (c) A plan may provide for demonstration or testing facilities and for the use
27 of the facilities for research and development.

28 **(D) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL IMPLEMENT IMPROVEMENTS TO ITS**
29 **FARE PAYMENT SYSTEMS AS DESCRIBED UNDER SUBSECTION (B)(12) OF THIS**
30 **SECTION IN A MANNER THAT ALLOWS EMPLOYEES TO:**

1 **(1) ENROLL IN A COMMUTER BENEFITS PROGRAM ONLINE; AND**

2 **(2) USE PRETAX CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE EMPLOYEE'S SALARY**
3 **TO PAY FOR THE ELECTRONIC FARE MEDIA.**

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
5 October 1, 2014.