

SENATE BILL 1035

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By: **Senators Hershey and Jacobs**

Introduced and read first time: February 13, 2014

Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Transit Administration – MARC Penn Line Extension**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Transit Administration to extend certain
4 passenger railroad service to Elkton, Maryland, by a certain date by negotiating
5 a certain contract with Amtrak; requiring the Administration to assess by a
6 certain date the feasibility of extending certain passenger railroad service to
7 Newark, Delaware; requiring the Administration to submit a certain report to
8 certain committees of the General Assembly by a certain date each year;
9 providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to passenger
10 railroad services and the Maryland Transit Administration.

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
12 MARYLAND, That:

13 (a) (1) By January 1, 2020, the Maryland Transit Administration shall
14 extend MARC passenger railroad service on the Penn line to Elkton, Maryland.

15 (2) To fulfill the requirement of paragraph (1) of this subsection, the
16 Maryland Transit Administration shall negotiate a contract with Amtrak to provide at
17 least one morning and one evening passenger railroad service to Elkton.

18 (b) By October 1, 2015, the Maryland Transit Administration shall assess
19 the feasibility of extending MARC passenger railroad service on the Penn line to
20 Newark, Delaware, including initiating discussions with the Southeastern
21 Pennsylvania Transportation Authority, Amtrak, and other entities concerning the
22 extension of passenger railroad service to Newark, Delaware.

23 (c) On or before September 30 of each year, the Maryland Transit
24 Administration shall submit a report, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State
25 Government Article, to the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, Senate Finance

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 Committee, House Appropriations Committee, and House Ways and Means
2 Committee on the Administration's progress in meeting the requirements of this Act.

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
4 October 1, 2014. It shall remain effective for a period of 6 years and, at the end of
5 September 30, 2020, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act
6 shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.