

SENATE BILL 253

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By: **Senators Pinsky, Augustine, and Beidle**

Introduced and read first time: January 20, 2020

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation and Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Finance and Procurement – Prohibited Appropriations – Magnetic**
3 **Levitation Transportation System**

4 FOR the purpose of prohibiting the State and certain units and instrumentalities of the
5 State from using any appropriation for a magnetic levitation transportation system
6 in the State; prohibiting a public or private entity that receives money from the State
7 from authorizing a permit or giving any other form of approval for a magnetic
8 levitation transportation system in the State; prohibiting a proposal for a magnetic
9 levitation transportation system from using certain rights-of-way or track owned or
10 operated by certain railroad companies; and generally relating to State
11 appropriations for magnetic levitation transportation systems.

12 BY adding to
13 Article – State Finance and Procurement
14 Section 7–240
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

19 **Article – State Finance and Procurement**

20 **7–240.**

21 **(A) NEITHER THE STATE NOR ANY UNIT OR INSTRUMENTALITY OF THE**
22 **STATE MAY USE ANY APPROPRIATION FOR A MAGNETIC LEVITATION**
23 **TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM LOCATED OR TO BE LOCATED IN THE STATE.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(B) NO PUBLIC OR PRIVATE ENTITY THAT RECEIVES MONEY FROM THE**
2 **STATE MAY AUTHORIZE A PERMIT OR GIVE ANY OTHER FORM OF APPROVAL FOR A**
3 **MAGNETIC LEVITATION TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM LOCATED OR TO BE LOCATED IN**
4 **THE STATE.**

5 **(C) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER LAW, A PROPOSAL FOR A MAGNETIC**
6 **LEVITATION TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM MAY NOT INCLUDE THE USE OF THE**
7 **RIGHT-OF-WAY OR TRACK OWNED OR OPERATED BY:**

8 **(1) THE NATIONAL RAILROAD PASSENGER CORPORATION,**
9 **COMMONLY KNOWN AS AMTRAK; OR**

10 **(2) CSX TRANSPORTATION.**

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
12 1, 2020.