

HB0029/663327/1

BY: Environment and Transportation Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 29
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “**Delegate Carr**” and substitute “**Delegates Carr, Amprey, Barve, Boyce, Foley, Fraser-Hidalgo, Healey, Holmes, Jalisi, Lehman, Lierman, Love, Prettyman, Ruth, Stein, Stewart, Terrasa, Wells, and Wivell**”.

On page 1, at the top of the page, insert “EMERGENCY BILL”; in line 2, after “**Laws –**” insert “**Penalties for**”; in the same line, strike “**– Penalties**” and substitute “**and Electronic Tolling Performance Audit**”; in line 7, after “violations;” insert “requiring the Maryland Transportation Authority to competitively bid for a certified public accounting firm to conduct a certain performance audit of the electronic tolling operations of the Authority on or before a certain date;”; and in the same line, strike “penalties for toll violations” and substitute “electronic tolling”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, after line 26, insert:

“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) (1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, on or before May 15, 2022, the Maryland Transportation Authority shall competitively bid for a certified public accounting firm to conduct a performance audit of the electronic tolling operations of the Maryland Transportation Authority to evaluate the efficiency and effectiveness of tolling operations and customer service practices of the Maryland Transportation Authority, including revenue collection, leakage analysis, and procurement and contracting processes.

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(2) (i) A certified public accounting firm that provides services to the Maryland Transportation Authority is not eligible to bid on the performance audit contract under paragraph (1) of this subsection.

(ii) On the award of the performance audit contract to a certified public accounting firm under paragraph (1) of this subsection and before commencement of the performance audit, the certified public accounting firm shall consult with the Joint Audit Committee and the Office of Legislative Audits in the development of the scope and objectives of the performance audit.

(b) On or before December 31, 2022, and on or before each December 31 for the next two years, the Maryland Transportation Authority shall submit to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Delegates a certified copy of the performance audit conducted during that calendar year that meets the requirements under subsection (a) of this section.”;

in line 27, strike “2.” and substitute “3.”; and in lines 27 and 28, strike “shall take effect June 1, 2022” and substitute “is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has been passed by a yeas and nays vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is enacted”.