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Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Blue Ribbon Commission on Maryland Transportation Funding**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a Blue Ribbon Commission on Maryland
4 Transportation Funding; requiring the Commission to review, evaluate, and
5 make recommendations concerning certain issues; specifying the membership
6 and staffing of the Commission; requiring the Governor to designate the chair of
7 the Commission; prohibiting members of the Commission from receiving certain
8 compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses;
9 requiring the Commission to submit an interim and final report of its findings
10 and recommendations by certain dates; providing for the termination of this
11 Act; and generally relating to the Blue Ribbon Commission on Maryland
12 Transportation Funding.

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
14 MARYLAND, That:

15 (a) There is a Blue Ribbon Commission on Maryland Transportation
16 Funding.

17 (b) The Commission shall review, evaluate, and make recommendations
18 concerning:

19 (1) the current State funding sources and structure of the Maryland
20 Transportation Trust Fund;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2) short- and long-term transit construction and maintenance
2 funding needs;

3 (3) short- and long-term highway construction and maintenance
4 funding needs;

5 (4) options for public-private partnerships, including partnerships
6 with local governments, to meet transportation funding needs;

7 (5) the structure of regional transportation authorities and the ability
8 of these authorities to meet transportation needs in various regions of the State;

9 (6) the impact of economic development and smart growth on
10 transportation funding; and

11 (7) options for sustainable, long-term revenue sources for
12 transportation.

13 (c) The Commission shall be composed of 21 members as follows:

14 (1) (i) two members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the
15 President of the Senate; and

16 (ii) two members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the
17 Speaker of the House; and

18 (2) the following members appointed by the Governor:

19 (i) the Secretary of Transportation;

20 (ii) the Secretary of Budget and Management;

21 (iii) the Secretary of Business and Economic Development;

22 (iv) the Secretary of Planning;

23 (v) a representative of the Washington Metropolitan Transit
24 Authority;

25 (vi) three representatives from the business community,
26 including two representatives of statewide or regional organizations;

27 (vii) two representatives of the transit community;

28 (viii) two representatives of the environmental community,
29 including one representative with a background in smart growth;

30 (ix) a representative of the American Automobile Association;

- 1 (x) a representative of the freight rail industry;
- 2 (xi) a representative of the motor carrier industry; and
- 3 (xii) two other individuals.

4 (d) The Governor shall designate the chair of the Commission after
5 consultation with the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House.

6 (e) To the extent practicable, the presiding officers and the Governor shall
7 attempt to ensure regional, economic, ethnic, and gender diversity on the Commission.

8 (f) A member of the Commission:

9 (1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Commission; but

10 (2) is entitled to reimbursement of expenses under the Standard State
11 Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

12 (g) The Department of Transportation and the Department of Legislative
13 Services shall provide staff support to the Commission.

14 (h) On or before January 1, 2011, the Commission shall submit an interim
15 report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, subject to § 2-1246 of
16 the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

17 (i) On or before January 1, 2012, the Commission shall submit a final report
18 of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, subject to § 2-1246 of the
19 State Government Article, the General Assembly.

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
21 July 1, 2010. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of June 30,
22 2012, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be
23 abrogated and of no further force and effect.