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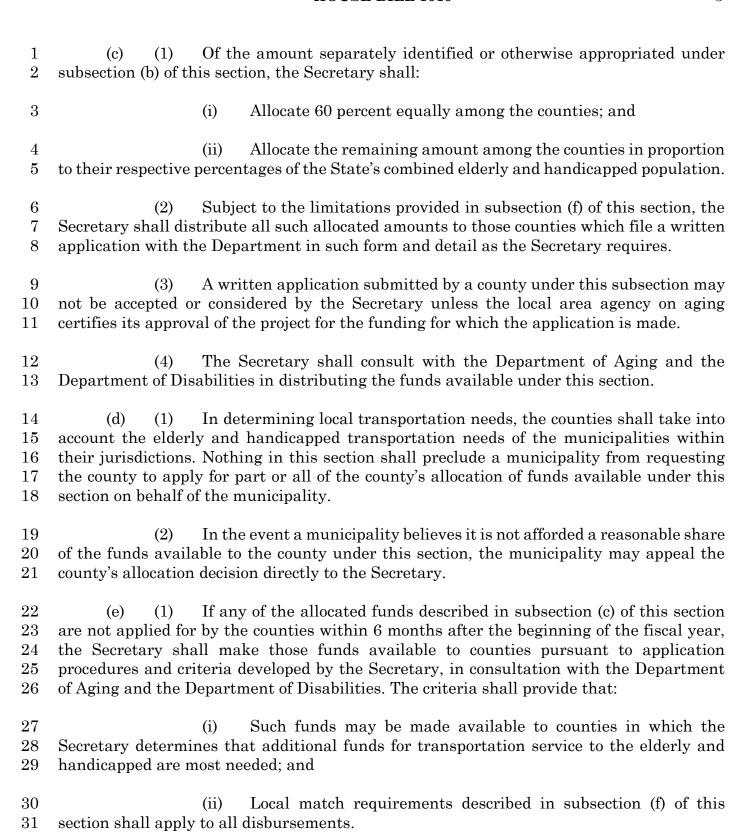
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A BILL ENTITLED

1	AN ACT concerning
2 3	Transportation – Elderly and Handicapped Transportation Service – County Funding
4 5 6 7 8	FOR the purpose of requiring the Secretary of Transportation to identify separately within the Department of Transportation's annual budget at least a certain amount of funding in a certain fiscal year and all subsequent fiscal years to be used for county elderly and handicapped transportation service; and generally relating to county funding for elderly and handicapped transportation service.
9 10 11 12 13	BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments, Article – Transportation Section 2–103.3(a), (c), (d), and (e) Annotated Code of Maryland (2020 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)
14 15 16 17 18	BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article – Transportation Section 2–103.3(b) Annotated Code of Maryland (2020 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)
19 20	SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
21	Article - Transportation
22	2–103.3.
23	(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.
24	(2) "County" includes Baltimore City.



- 1 (3) "Elderly and handicapped person" means any person who, by reason of 2 illness, injury, age, congenital malfunction, or other permanent or temporary incapacity or 3 disability, is unable to use mass transit facilities and services as effectively as a person who 4 is not so affected.
- 5 (4) "Transportation service" means any transportation option or mix of 6 options that may include paratransit or fixed route service, established or employed by a 7 county to accommodate the transportation needs of its elderly and handicapped residents.
- 8 (b) (1) (I) [The] SUBJECT TO SUBPARAGRAPHS (II) THROUGH (IV) OF
 9 THIS PARAGRAPH, THE Secretary shall identify separately within the Department's
 10 annual budget an amount [that the Secretary deems necessary] to be used for elderly and
 11 handicapped transportation service in each county.
- 12 (II) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024, THE SECRETARY SHALL IDENTIFY
 13 SEPARATELY WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT'S ANNUAL BUDGET AT LEAST \$4,305,908
 14 TO BE USED FOR ELDERLY AND HANDICAPPED TRANSPORTATION SERVICE.
- (III) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR
 THEREAFTER, THE SECRETARY SHALL IDENTIFY SEPARATELY WITHIN THE
 DEPARTMENT'S ANNUAL BUDGET AN AMOUNT FOR ELDERLY AND HANDICAPPED
 TRANSPORTATION SERVICE THAT IS EQUAL TO AT LEAST THE AMOUNT IN THE
 IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING FISCAL YEAR ADJUSTED FOR INFLATION IN
 ACCORDANCE WITH SUBPARAGRAPH (IV) OF THIS PARAGRAPH.
- 21 (IV) 1. THE INFLATION ADJUSTMENT SHALL EQUAL THE 22 PRODUCT OF MULTIPLYING THE AMOUNT OF FUNDING IN THE IMMEDIATELY 23 PRECEDING FISCAL YEAR BY THE PERCENTAGE INCREASE IN THE CONSUMER PRICE 24 INDEX FOR ALL URBAN CONSUMERS.
- 25 2. THE PERCENTAGE INCREASE IN THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR ALL URBAN CONSUMERS SHALL BE DETERMINED BY COMPARING THE AVERAGE OF THE INDEX FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDING ON THE NOVEMBER 30 IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE FISCAL YEAR FOR WHICH THE FUNDING AMOUNT IS BEING CALCULATED TO THE AVERAGE OF THE INDEX FOR THE PRIOR 12 MONTHS.
- 30 3. IF THERE IS A DECLINE OR NO GROWTH IN THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR ALL URBAN CONSUMERS, THE AMOUNT OF FUNDING UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL REMAIN UNCHANGED.
- 33 (2) The amount the Secretary identifies, or such other amount as may be 34 appropriated by the General Assembly for the provision of elderly and handicapped 35 transportation service in each county, shall be distributed as provided in subsections (c), 36 (d), and (e) of this section.



32 (2) A written application submitted by a county under this subsection may 33 not be accepted or considered by the Secretary unless the local area agency on aging 34 certifies its approval of the project for the funding for which the application is made. SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 2 $\,$ 1, 2022.