

HOUSE BILL 105

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(PRE-FILED)

By: **Delegate Edelson**

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Assigned to: Appropriations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Department of Transportation – Grant Anticipation Revenue Vehicle Bonds –**
3 **Light Rail Replacement Vehicles**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Department of Transportation to use proceeds from the
5 issuance of certain debt that is secured by future federal aid for replacing light rail
6 transit vehicles and costs related to the replacement of the vehicles; and generally
7 relating to the use of proceeds from debt that is secured by future federal aid.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

9 Article – Transportation

10 Section 3–601(a)

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

14 Article – Transportation

15 Section 3–601(d)

16 Annotated Code of Maryland

17 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

18 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

19 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

20 **Article – Transportation**

21 3–601.

22 (a) In order to utilize to the greatest extent possible the benefits of available
23 financial resources relating to transportation purposes, including federal grants, loans,
24 transportation facility revenue sources, and other programs, the Department from time to

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 time may issue its bonds and otherwise borrow funds, as provided in this subtitle, to finance
2 the costs of transportation facilities.

3 (d) If the Department intends to pledge any future federal aid from any source to
4 support repayment of bonds issued under this subtitle:

5 (1) The aggregate outstanding and unpaid principal amount of debt issued
6 under this subtitle or Title 4, Subtitle 3 of this article that is secured by a pledge of future
7 federal aid may not exceed \$1,000,000,000 as of June 30 of any fiscal year, provided that
8 the proceeds may be used only for:

9 (i) Designing and constructing the Baltimore Red Line;

10 (ii) Procuring zero-emission buses consistent with § 7-406 of [the
11 Transportation Article] **THIS ARTICLE** and constructing related infrastructure, including
12 bus maintenance facilities;

13 (iii) Developing and constructing the Southern Maryland Rapid
14 Transit Corridor;

15 (iv) Designing and constructing improvements to the Maryland
16 Route 2 and Route 4 corridor, including the Thomas Johnson Bridge;

17 (v) Designing and constructing improvements to the Maryland
18 Route 90 corridor; [or]

19 (vi) **REPLACING LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT VEHICLES AND COSTS**
20 **RELATED TO THE REPLACEMENT OF THE VEHICLES; OR**

21 **(VII)** Designing and constructing improvements to the Interstate 81
22 corridor;

23 (2) The date of maturity may not be later than 15 years after the date of
24 issue; and

25 (3) No part of the tax levied under § 3-215 of this title may be repealed,
26 diminished, or applied to any other purpose until:

27 (i) The bonds issued under this subtitle and interest on them have
28 become due and fully paid; or

29 (ii) Adequate and complete provision for payment of the principal
30 and interest has been made.

31 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
32 1, 2025.