

HOUSE BILL 1338

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By: **Delegate Smith**

Introduced and read first time: February 12, 2016

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Transportation – Transit Improvements – Interstate 270 Corridor**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Governor to include appropriations for certain fiscal years
4 aggregating to at least a certain amount for the purpose of financing improvements
5 to Maryland Area Rail Commuter service in a certain area; requiring the
6 improvements to Maryland Area Rail Commuter service to be consistent with a
7 certain plan; requiring the Maryland Department of Transportation to submit a
8 report to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date that
9 includes certain information regarding transit service in the Interstate 270 corridor;
10 and generally relating to transit improvements in the Interstate 270 corridor.

11 BY adding to
12 Article – Transportation
13 Section 7–307
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

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

18 **Article – Transportation**

19 **7–307.**

20 **(A) DURING THE PERIOD BEGINNING WITH FISCAL YEAR 2018 THROUGH**
21 **FISCAL YEAR 2021, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE APPROPRIATIONS IN THE**
22 **BUDGET BILLS FOR THOSE YEARS AGGREGATING TO AT LEAST \$100,000,000 FOR**
23 **THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING IMPROVEMENTS TO MARYLAND AREA RAIL**
24 **COMMUTER (MARC) SERVICE ON THE BRUNSWICK LINE IN MONTGOMERY**
25 **COUNTY AND FREDERICK COUNTY.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(B) THE IMPROVEMENTS FINANCED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS**
2 **SECTION SHALL BE CONSISTENT WITH THE MARC GROWTH AND INVESTMENT**
3 **PLAN ISSUED BY THE ADMINISTRATION IN 2007.**

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Maryland Department of
5 Transportation shall submit a report in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government
6 Article to the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, the Senate Finance Committee, the
7 House Appropriations Committee, and the House Environment and Transportation
8 Committee on or before December 1, 2016, that includes a detailed description of:

9 (1) the transit improvements, if any, that the Department is considering as
10 part of the project to relieve congestion on Interstate 270, as described in the fiscal year
11 2016 through fiscal year 2021 Consolidated Transportation Program; and

12 (2) how \$100,000,000 could be most effectively spent on transit
13 improvements to relieve congestion on Interstate 270, including:

14 (i) bus-on-shoulder systems;

15 (ii) Maryland Area Rail Commuter (MARC) improvements; and

16 (iii) the Corridor Cities Transitway project.

17 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
18 1, 2016.