

HOUSE BILL 527

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By: **Delegates Charkoudian, Kaufman, Korman, Lehman, Moon, Pena–Melnyk, Shetty, Solomon, Taveras, Wilkins, and Wolek**

Introduced and read first time: January 22, 2025

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation and Appropriations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Transit Administration – Purple Line – Free Ridership and**
3 **Advertising**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Transit Administration to develop and
5 implement a program providing free ridership, for a certain period of time, on Purple
6 Line transit vehicles to individuals residing within a certain distance of the Purple
7 Line track and free advertising space on Purple Line transit vehicles and at Purple
8 Line transit stations to businesses located within a certain distance of a Purple Line
9 track; and generally relating to the Purple Line.

10 BY adding to
11 Article – Transportation
12 Section 7–718
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – Transportation**

18 **7–718.**

19 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “PURPLE LINE” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN §**
20 **2–103.8 OF THIS ARTICLE.**

21 **(B) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A PROGRAM**
22 **TO PROVIDE:**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(1) FOR THE FIRST 3 MONTHS AFTER TRANSIT SERVICE ON THE**
2 **PURPLE LINE BEGINS, RIDERSHIP ON PURPLE LINE TRANSIT VEHICLES AT NO COST**
3 **TO INDIVIDUALS RESIDING WITHIN A ONE-QUARTER-MILE RADIUS OF THE PURPLE**
4 **LINE TRACK; AND**

5 **(2) ADVERTISING SPACE ON PURPLE LINE TRANSIT VEHICLES AND**
6 **AT PURPLE LINE TRANSIT STATIONS AT NO COST TO BUSINESSES LOCATED WITHIN**
7 **A ONE-QUARTER-MILE RADIUS OF THE PURPLE LINE TRACK.**

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
9 October 1, 2025.