

HOUSE BILL 1137

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By: **Delegates Rosenberg and Ruff**

Introduced and read first time: February 5, 2025

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Transit Administration – Baltimore East–West Corridor – Property**
3 **Acquisition**

4 FOR the purpose of prohibiting the Maryland Transit Administration, in conducting the
5 Red Line transit project, from acquiring any real property for planning, construction,
6 operation, or maintenance of the Red Line if the acquisition would result in
7 involuntary residential displacement; and generally relating to the Maryland
8 Transit Administration and the Baltimore metropolitan area east–west corridor.

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

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

16 **Article – Transportation**

17 **7–718.**

18 (A) IN THIS SECTION, “RED LINE” MEANS A RAIL TRANSIT FACILITY USING
19 ONE OR MORE VEHICLES OPERATING IN TANDEM ON A FIXED RAIL IN A
20 COMBINATION OF AT-GRADE, ELEVATED, AND UNDERGROUND CONFIGURATIONS
21 THROUGH BALTIMORE CITY AND BALTIMORE COUNTY ALONG A GENERALLY
22 EAST-TO-WEST ALIGNMENT BETWEEN THE TERMINUS OF SECURITY BOULEVARD
23 ON THE WEST AND THE JOHNS HOPKINS BAYVIEW MEDICAL CENTER ON THE EAST,
24 CONNECTING AS APPROPRIATE TO OTHER FIXED-ROUTE TRANSIT SERVICES.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(B) IN CONDUCTING THE RED LINE TRANSIT PROJECT, THE**
2 **ADMINISTRATION MAY NOT ACQUIRE ANY REAL PROPERTY FOR PLANNING,**
3 **CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION, OR MAINTENANCE OF THE RED LINE IF THE**
4 **ACQUISITION WOULD RESULT IN INVOLUNTARY RESIDENTIAL DISPLACEMENT.**

5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
6 1, 2025.