

SENATE BILL 292

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Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Transportation – Baltimore Harbor Tunnel, Fort McHenry Tunnel, and Francis**
3 **Scott Key Bridge – Annual Pass Study**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Transportation Authority to study the
5 feasibility of offering motorists that use the Baltimore Harbor Tunnel, the Fort
6 McHenry Tunnel, or the Francis Scott Key Bridge an option to pay a flat fee for an
7 annual pass to use those toll transportation facilities projects; requiring the study to
8 include a certain cost–benefit analysis; requiring the Maryland Transportation
9 Authority to submit a report of its findings and recommendations from the study to
10 certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date; and
11 generally relating to a study on offering an annual pass for motorists that use the
12 Baltimore Harbor Tunnel, the Fort McHenry Tunnel, or the Francis Scott Key
13 Bridge.

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
15 That:

16 (a) This section applies to the following toll transportation facilities projects:

17 (1) the Baltimore Harbor Tunnel;

18 (2) the Fort McHenry Tunnel; and

19 (3) the Francis Scott Key Bridge.

20 (b) (1) The Maryland Transportation Authority shall study the feasibility of
21 offering motorists an option to pay a flat fee for an annual pass to use a toll transportation
22 facilities project subject to this section.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2) The study shall include a cost–benefit analysis of the annual pass
2 option described under paragraph (1) of this subsection that includes consideration of:

3 (i) the benefit to consumers;

4 (ii) the programming and other costs necessary to implement the
5 annual pass option; and

6 (iii) the impact on toll revenues for the affected transportation
7 facilities projects.

8 (c) On or before December 1, 2017, the Maryland Transportation Authority shall
9 submit, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, a report of its findings
10 and recommendations from the study to the Senate Finance Committee and the House
11 Environment and Transportation Committee.

12 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
13 1, 2017.