designate the date by which a county must notify the Department in order to participate in an issue of County Transportation Bonds; requiring the counties to use and invest the proceeds of County Transportation bonds only as directed by the Department; authorizing the Department to impose a certain penalty; and generally relating to the Department's County Transportation Bonds.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Transportation Section 3-303, 3-304, 3-305, and 3-307 Annotated Code of Maryland (1977 Volume and 1986 Supplement)

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

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3-303.

- (a) Subject to the limitations of this subtitle, the Department from time to time may:
- (1) Borrow money and evidence the borrowing by the issuance and sale of its bonds in substantially the form and manner and subject to the same general provisions and tax exemption applicable to consolidated transportation bonds under §§ 3-203 through 3-207, 3-212, and 3-213 of this title;
- (2) Disburse the proceeds of the borrowing [to] PURSUANT TO AGREEMENTS WITH participating counties; and
 - (3) Pay the principal of and interest on the bonds.
- (b) The bonds shall be known as "Department of Transportation -- County Transportation Bonds -- First Issue."

 3-304.
- (a) Any SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF § 3-307 OF THIS ARTICLE, ANY county in this State may participate in the proceeds of the sale of bonds issued under this subtitle.
- (b) [On or before June 1 of each year,] ON THE DATE DESIGNATED BY THE DEPARTMENT, a county that desires to participate shall notify the Department of:
- (1) Its desire to participate in the proceeds of [a] THE NEXT series of bonds to be issued [in the next fiscal year] BY THE DEPARTMENT; and