

Senate Bill 463

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Transit Administration - Public Hearings

FOR the purpose of requiring, except under certain circumstances, the Maryland Transit Administration to hold a public hearing before changing a certain bus or rail route alignment ~~or bus stop location~~; requiring the Administration to hold a public hearing before establishing or abandoning a rail transit station; limiting the time period during which the Administration may implement a ~~policy~~ certain change ~~on certain matters~~; establishing notice requirements that must be met for a public hearing on ~~certain matters~~ a certain change before the Administration may implement ~~policy changes on these matters~~ the change; requiring a public hearing to be at a certain location and time; requiring the Administration to accept written comments during a certain time period after a public hearing; authorizing the Administration to alter a bus route alignment in a certain manner without holding a public hearing; requiring the People's Counsel ~~to the Public Service Commission~~ to appear at certain hearings called by the Administration; making a stylistic change; and generally relating to public hearings held by the Maryland Transit Administration.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article - Transportation
Section 7-506
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2001 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

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

Article - Transportation

7-506.

(a) (1) ~~Until~~ EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, UNTIL a public hearing is held on the matter, the Administration may not:

[(1)] (I) Fix or revise any fare or rate charged the general public; [or]

[(2)] (II) Establish or abandon any BUS OR RAIL route LISTED ON A PUBLISHED TIMETABLE;

(III) CHANGE A BUS OR RAIL ROUTE ALIGNMENT ~~OR BUS STOP LOCATION~~ LISTED ON A PUBLISHED TIMETABLE, UNLESS THE CHANGE IS