

HR 4466

WMATA Flexible Funding and Safety Improvement Act

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • State: MD • Chamber: House

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 9, 2018
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Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

## **WMATA Flexible Funding and Safety Improvement Act**

This bill amends federal transportation law to authorize the Department of Transportation to make grants to finance the operating cost of equipment and facilities for use in an urbanized area with a population of at least 200,000 for a public transportation system that: (1) operates as an interstate compact agency; and (2) is an agency and instrumentality of three signatories that have enacted legislation to provide a dedicated source of revenue to finance the operating costs of equipment and facilities for use in public transportation and that results in the collection of local and state funds covering at least 50% of such costs.

The consent of Congress is granted for Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia to amend the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Regulation Compact to authorize the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) to establish and maintain the Jeanice McMillan WMATA Track Safety Task Force and the Thomasine Maria Smith WMATA Bus Safety Task Force.

The compact may be amended to: (1) direct the Inspector General for the transit authority, prior to the renewal of any private MetroAccess contract by such authority for the provision of demand response services, to conduct a review of the MetroAccess program; and (2) prohibit the authority from renewing the MetroAccess contract unless specified conditions are met. "MetroAccess" is the paratransit service of WMATA for individuals whose disability prevents them from using a bus or rail facility.

The compact may be amended to provide for a flat fare, free transfer pilot program, and an ability-based fares program.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jan 9, 2018:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial And Antitrust Law.
- **Nov 29, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.
- **Nov 28, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Nov 28, 2017:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.