

HJRES 76

Granting the consent and approval of Congress for the Commonwealth of Virginia, the State of Maryland, and the District of Columbia to enter into a compact relating to the establishment of the Washington Metrorail Safety Commission.

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Chamber: House

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Hoyer, Steny H. [D-MD-5]

Party: Democratic • **State:** MD • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (8 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Feb 16, 2017
Rep. Beyer, Donald S., Jr. [D-VA-8]	D · VA		Feb 16, 2017
Rep. Brown, Anthony G. [D-MD-4]	D · MD		Feb 16, 2017
Rep. Comstock, Barbara [R-VA-10]	R · VA		Feb 16, 2017
Rep. Connolly, Gerald E. [D-VA-11]	D · VA		Feb 16, 2017
Rep. Delaney, John K. [D-MD-6]	D · MD		Feb 16, 2017
Rep. Raskin, Jamie [D-MD-8]	D · MD		Feb 16, 2017
Rep. Sarbanes, John P. [D-MD-3]	D · MD		Feb 16, 2017

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Discharged from	Jun 14, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HRES 469	Related bill	Jul 24, 2017: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
115 SJRES 22	Related bill	May 17, 2017: Held at the desk.

(This measure has not been amended since it was reported to the House on July 17, 2017. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

Interstate Compact

(Sec. 1) This joint resolution grants congressional consent and approval for the Commonwealth of Virginia, the state of Maryland, and the District of Columbia to enter into a Metrorail Safety Commission (MSC) Interstate Compact.

The MSC Compact establishes a Washington Metrorail Safety Commission for the safety oversight of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) Rail (Metrorail) system.

The commission shall:

- distribute a written State Safety Oversight Program;
- enforce implementation of WMATA's Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan, as well as audit triennially WMATA's compliance with such plan;
- enforce implementation of any Corrective Action Plans;
- enforce relevant federal and state laws and regulations relating to Metrorail safety;
- publish annually a Metrorail safety report, including updates of Corrective Action Plans, Commission directives, and on-going investigations; and
- publish annually a report on commission operations.

An independent annual audit shall be made of commission financial accounts.

Any signatory may withdraw from the MSC Compact, which shall constitute its termination.

Actions Timeline

- **Aug 22, 2017:** Signed by President.
- **Aug 22, 2017:** Became Public Law No: 115-54.
- **Aug 11, 2017:** Presented to President.
- **Aug 4, 2017:** ENGROSSMENT CORRECTION - Unanimous consent was granted for the Clerk to make changes in the engrossment of H.J.Res. 76 that was placed at the desk. Agreed to without objection.
- **Aug 4, 2017:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Received in the Senate, read twice, considered, read the third time, and passed without amendment and with a preamble by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR 8/3/2017 S4806)
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- **Aug 4, 2017:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Aug 1, 2017:** Senate returned papers to House, per House request of July 24, 2017, by Unanimous Consent.
- **Aug 1, 2017:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Jul 24, 2017:** House requested return of papers pursuant to H.Res. 469.
- **Jul 18, 2017:** Received in the Senate. Read twice. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 176.
- **Jul 17, 2017:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Judiciary. H. Rept. 115-227.
- **Jul 17, 2017:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 162.
- **Jul 17, 2017:** Mr. Goodlatte moved to suspend the rules and pass the resolution, as amended.
- **Jul 17, 2017:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H5894-5900)
- **Jul 17, 2017:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.J. Res. 76.
- **Jul 17, 2017:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Jul 17, 2017:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H5902-5903)
- **Jul 17, 2017:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 399 - 5 (Roll no. 381).(text: CR H5894-5897)
- **Jul 17, 2017:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 399 - 5 (Roll no. 381). (text: CR H5894-5897)
- **Jul 17, 2017:** The title of the measure was amended. Agreed to without objection.
- **Jun 14, 2017:** Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial And Antitrust Law Discharged.
- **Jun 14, 2017:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jun 14, 2017:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Mar 9, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial And Antitrust Law.
- **Feb 16, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 16, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.