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Continuing the Virginia-Maryland-District of Columbia Joint Legislative Commission on Interstate Transportation.

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Referred to Committee on Rules

WHEREAS, House Joint Resolution No. 154 of the 2000 Session of the General Assembly established a joint legislative commission on interstate transportation to meet with legislators from the State of Maryland and representatives of the District of Columbia to advise the General Assembly and the Governor on efforts to address interstate transportation issues in the Metropolitan Washington Region; and

WHEREAS, the considerable size of this panel, the unprecedented nature of its mandate, the sensitivity and complexity of the many challenges involved, and the very considerable cost associated with virtually every attempt to meet those challenges have all combined to make the work of the Commission very time-consuming; and

WHEREAS, the Commission was continued for an additional two years by House Joint Resolution No. 526 of the 2001 General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has not yet arrived at a sufficient consensus to permit it to make final recommendations to the Virginia and Maryland state legislatures and the Washington, D.C., city council; and

WHEREAS, however cumbersome and time-consuming this process may be, the need for inter-jurisdictional dialogue aimed at comprehensive, creative, region-wide solutions to the area's many and vexing transportation difficulties is so urgent, and the possible benefits from such interjurisdictional cooperation are so valuable that a long-term commitment by the Commonwealth to the process is amply justified; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the Virginia-Maryland-District of Columbia Joint Legislative Commission on Interstate Transportation be continued for an additional three years. The members appointed pursuant to House Joint Resolution No. 526 of the 2001 Session shall continue to serve, with any vacancy being filled in the same manner as the original appointment. All agencies of the Commonwealth shall provide assistance to the Commission upon request.

The direct costs of this study shall not exceed \$37,500 for these three additional years.

The Commission shall complete its work in time to submit its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the 2006 Session of the General Assembly as provided in the procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems for the processing of legislative documents.

Implementation of this resolution is subject to subsequent approval and certification by the Joint Rules Committee. The Committee may withhold expenditures or delay the period for the conduct of the study.

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