

(1977 Volume and 1989 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 Article – Transportation
 Section 6–204(i)
 Annotated Code of Maryland
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Preamble

WHEREAS, The Port of Baltimore has historically enjoyed preeminence among the Atlantic seaboard ports but has recently been threatened by severe competitive challenges; and

WHEREAS, The ability of the Port to compete in an increasingly competitive environment has been hampered by a poor international perception of the Port caused by ~~labor~~ labor-management difficulties; and

WHEREAS, The future holds out increased port competition so as to require all components within the Port to work cooperatively to eliminate the existing disadvantages and to restore the competitive edge to the Port; and

WHEREAS, In considering the overall competitiveness and economic impact of the Port, the Maryland Port Administration should address all cost factors and their relationship to the Port, in particular: railroad transportation, trucking transportation, stevedoring, pilotage, labor, and the geographic location of the Port as compared to other competing ports; and

WHEREAS, The Administration should be creative and responsive in attracting and retaining waterborne commerce, and make efforts to enhance the Port's ability to meet the needs of waterborne commerce by providing competitive prices and services through efficient labor and facilities; and

WHEREAS, The Administration should pass on savings achieved through competitive prices and services to waterborne commerce and businesses associated with the Port in the form of lowered costs; and

WHEREAS, The Administration should focus attention toward establishing more cooperative, mutually beneficial agreements between all transportation networks that have an impact on overall competitiveness of the Port, such as railroad transportation networks, in order to foster increased business of waterborne commerce for the Port; and

WHEREAS, It is vital that all components of the port industry work together to make the Port more competitive, thereby increasing cargo volume through the Port, resulting in greater economic benefit for all of the citizens of Maryland; now, therefore,

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