

WHEREAS, a mass passenger transportation system furnishing safe, dependable and convenient service is a necessity in the City of Baltimore and its environs for the convenience and welfare of the public and The Baltimore Transit Company now operates the system of street railway, trackless trolley and motor bus passenger service within said community; and

WHEREAS, the attention of the General Assembly of Maryland has been directed to the fact that during the past several years The Baltimore Transit Company has been operating at substantial annual deficits although its fares have been recently increased under authority of the Public Service Commission of Maryland and such deficits may threaten the ability of The Baltimore Transit Company in the future to provide adequate and uninterrupted public transportation facilities and the continuance of such facilities is a matter of major public importance directly involving the interests of the public, the State and the City of Baltimore; and

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the public, the management and the employees of The Baltimore Transit Company that a study, investigation and report be made by a commission appointed by the Governor with authority and power to inquire fully into all questions relating to the character of service now and to be hereafter provided by The Baltimore Transit Company and its ability in the future to provide without interruption adequate public transportation facilities and to make findings and recommendations with respect thereto in order that the City of Baltimore and its environs may be assured of an adequate mass passenger transportation system; therefore

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the Governor be and he is hereby authorized, after consultation with the Mayor of the City of Baltimore, to appoint a special commission of not less than three (3) members, which shall be known as the "Maryland Commission to Study and Report on the Transportation System Operated by The Baltimore Transit Company", one of whom shall be designated by the Governor to be and, upon so being designated, shall be the Chairman of the Commission. No person shall be eligible for appointment to the Commission, or be appointed by the Commission to hold any employment under the Commission, who holds any official relation to The Baltimore Transit Company as officer, director, employee or member of any labor union representing employees of said Company or who owns stock or bonds in such Company.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That it shall be the duty and function of the Commission: