

of the State of Maryland, providing generally for its membership, powers, duties, operations and procedures, relating generally to mass transit facilities in a certain metropolitan area of IN AND AROUND Baltimore City, authorizing the Authority to license, regulate, acquire or operate mass transit facilities in this metropolitan area, relating also to the present powers of the Public Service Commission over such facilities, and generally concerning and relating to mass transportation in the said metropolitan area of Baltimore City.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That a new Article be and the same is hereby added to the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), said new Article to be numbered 64B, and to be under the title "Metropolitan Transit Authority", to follow immediately after Article 64A thereof, and to read as follows:

#### ARTICLE 64B

##### *Metropolitan Transit Authority*

##### *1. Declaration of Legislative Policy and Intent.*

(a) *The General Assembly of Maryland makes the following declaration as a statement of its legislative intent and policy in connection with the legislation enacted by this Article.*

(b) *In recent years, there has been a tremendous increase in the population and growth of both established and new businesses and industries in that portion of the State of Maryland generally referred to as the Greater Baltimore Metropolitan Area, which has created many problems in connection with the public mass transportation of the inhabitants of this area to and from their places of work, business, worship, education and recreation.*

(c) *It is essential that efficient and rapid means of public mass transportation be provided and properly maintained in order to protect and promote commerce, the economic well-being, effective government and the public welfare of all sections of this area.*

(d) *As the movement of persons and vehicles within the area is of importance to the economic well-being of the area, it is apparent at this time that it is necessary and desirable to establish efficient and rapid public mass transportation facilities in the area in order to facilitate the movement of travelers through said area and to transport the inhabitants of the area from one part thereof to another, and to make provision for the furnishing of adequate and coordinated public mass transportation facilities so that the future development of the land and the distribution of population and business within the area can be accomplished in an orderly and economic manner.*

(e) *The regulation of public mass transportation facilities in this area on a coordinated basis throughout the area without regard to political and legal jurisdictional boundaries by and through a common instrumentality is a proper and necessary step towards the alleviation of transit and traffic problems in the area.*

(f) *The transportation needs of the area require the coordinated efforts of both private and public capital, the preservation and*