

**PAY THE ANNUAL FEE OR CHARGE OF ONE-TWENTIETH OF ONE PER CENT OF GROSS RECEIPTS TO THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF MARYLAND.**

*(c) The Authority may borrow from the State, the City, AND Baltimore County and Anne Arundel County, jointly or severally or from any other source; and the State and any of the aforementioned political subdivisions, jointly or severally, or any other legal entity, may lend to the Authority out of or from funds which they or any of them may have available for the purpose, a sum of money not exceeding fifty thousand dollars, upon such terms and conditions and upon the execution of such legal instruments as may be mutually agreed upon by the parties to any such transaction. The Authority shall repay the principal amount of any such loan and all interest due in connection therewith out of any funds which it may have available not later than one year after the date of the said loan.*

**14. Qualified Power to Own and Operate A Transportation System.**

*(a) The Authority has the power and authority to acquire, own, and operate any public transportation system being operated or maintained within the Area under the following conditions and after the prescribed course of action have been first carried out:*

*(b) The Authority shall utilize the powers hereinbefore set forth after its creation in such a manner as to create the most favorable conditions for the continued operation of private mass transportation companies within the area. The Authority, however, shall consider the public requirements and convenience in all of its decisions and directives.*

*(c) Upon the vote of at least ~~five~~ THREE of the members of the Commission (which ~~five~~ THREE shall include at least one member who resides in the political sub-division wherein is the place of business of the public mass transportation system being acquired, and at least one member who resides in each of the political sub-divisions within which are regularly operated the public transit facilities of the public mass transportation company being acquired) and not before two years after the effective date of this Article, it shall be lawful for the Authority to acquire, own, and operate any mass transportation company or companies being operated within the Area. AND OVER WHICH THE AUTHORITY HAS JURISDICTION PROVIDED THE CARRIER TO BE ACQUIRED TRANSPORTED AT LEAST FIVE MILLION (5,000,000) REVENUE PASSENGERS IN THE TWELVE (12) MONTHS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE ACQUISITION. Said acquisition may be effected through purchase or condemnation or such other means as the Authority may determine.*

*(d) If the acquisition by the Authority of mass public transportation facilities shall have been approved as herein required, the Authority has the following powers, which powers shall be in addition to the powers hereinbefore enumerated in this Article:*

*(e) To acquire, purchase, lease, construct, establish, maintain, improve, alter, control, and operate, and to sell, lease, mortgage, pledge, or otherwise encumber, alienate, or dispose of, all or any part of a mass public transit or transportation system or systems, including street cars, buses, or any other conveyance, vehicle, property, or*