

systems and are subject to the laws of the Public Service Commission of Maryland prior to February, 1965; and before such jurisdiction can be obtained by the Metropolitan Commission of any of these present systems there shall be a public hearing which shall be announced three weeks in advance in one of the local newspapers published in Howard County, giving the public full details, intentions and reasons of such intended jurisdiction desired by the Metropolitan Commission; and also such jurisdiction by the Metropolitan Commission shall have the approval of the County Commissioners of Howard County and the Legislative Delegation of Howard County.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1965.*

Approved May 4, 1965.

CHAPTER 869
(House Bill 770)

AN ACT to add new Sections 317-1 to 317-86, inclusive, to Article 41 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition and 1964 Supplement), title "Governor—Executive and Administrative Departments," subtitle "26. Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Regulation Compact," to follow immediately after Section 317 thereof; to amend the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Regulation Compact by adding thereto Title III, known as the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Compact; to establish on the part of Maryland a Compact with the Commonwealth of Virginia and the District of Columbia which creates the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Zone and the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority to plan, develop, finance and cause to be operated improved transit facilities in said Zone; to create a Board of Directors to govern the Authority and to provide for the selection of the members of the Board of Directors and their alternates; to authorize the Authority to enter into agreements or other arrangements with the Washington Suburban Transit District, the Northern Virginia Transportation District or the component governments thereof, the District of Columbia and the United States, or any agency thereof, to provide transit facilities and service and to finance the acquisition and operation of its transit facilities; to provide for the ~~administration~~ ADMINISTRATIVE expenses of the Authority; to authorize the Authority to issue revenue bonds, equipment trust certificates and other evidences of debt; to authorize the Authority to enter into contracts and leases for the operation of its facilities and properties and to provide a labor policy for the protection of the employees of its contractors; to authorize the Authority to exercise exclusive control over the rates charged and service performed by the transit facilities owned OR CONTROLLED by it; to provide for the coordination of the operation of the publicly and privately owned OR CONTROLLED transit facilities; to provide relocation assistance and payments; to exempt bonds and other evidences of debt and the interest thereon and the property.