

Administration to be part of the Department of Transportation and headed by the Public Transit Administrator; and to provide that the General Manager of the Metropolitan Transit Authority as of June 30, 1971, shall be the Public Transit Administrator; and to provide for the abolition of the Maryland Metropolitan Transit Authority, the office of the Secretary of the Metropolitan Transit Authority, the office of the Treasurer of the Metropolitan Transit Authority, and the office of General Manager of the Metropolitan Transit Authority and all rights, powers, duties, obligations, and functions conferred upon or exercised by the Metropolitan Transit Authority and the officers thereof to be transferred to the Department of Transportation subject to the authority of the Secretary of Transportation and to be exercised, with certain exceptions, by the Public Transit Administration; to provide for the establishment of the State Motor Vehicle Administration to be a continuation of the Department of Motor Vehicles, said State Motor Vehicle Administration to be part of the Department of Transportation; and to provide for the abolition of the office of Commissioner of Motor Vehicles and the creation of the Motor Vehicle Administrator as head of the State Motor Vehicle Administration which shall be the successor to the Department of Motor Vehicles and Commissioner of Motor Vehicles subject to the direction of the Secretary of Transportation; AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE INCUMBENT COMMISSIONER OF MOTOR VEHICLES AS OF JUNE 30, 1971 SHALL BE THE MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATOR TO SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION; TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THE DIRECTOR OF HIGHWAYS OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND TO THE STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATOR; AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION WHICH SHALL CONSIST OF THE STATE ROADS COMMISSION AND THE OFFICE OF THE STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATOR; to provide that the Secretary of Transportation may create advisory boards; to provide that the Secretary be ~~responsible~~ RESPONSIBLE for all planning activities of the Department of Transportation, including the development and maintenance of a continuing comprehensive and integrated transportation planning process and the creation and promulgation of a State master plan for transportation subject to approval of the Governor; to provide that the Secretary be authorized to enter into contracts to provide services for the Department of Transportation; to provide that the Secretary be responsible for the budget of the Department; to permit the Secretary to apply for and receive grants in aid or gifts to be used for transportation related purposes; to provide that the Secretary have a seal for purposes of his office; TO PROVIDE THAT THE SECRETARY SHALL APPROVE FURTHER EXTENSIONS IN MARYLAND OF TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES OF THE WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY to provide that the Attorney General be the legal advisor to the Department of Transportation; to provide for the establishment of a Board of Review for said Department, the duties of said Board of Review being to make recommendations to the Secretary regarding the operation and administration of the Department, to hear and determine appeals from certain decisions of the Secretary or administration, boards or other units of State government within the