

CHAPTER 718

(House Bill 766)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 277 of Article 41 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume), title "Governor—Executive and Administrative Departments," subtitle "Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Regulation Compact," revising the method of allocating the expenses of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Commission AND RELATING TO THE EXPENDITURE OF STATE FUNDS AND REVISING THE METHOD OF ALLOCATION OF EXPENDITURES.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 277 of Article 41 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume), title "Governor—Executive and Administrative Departments," subtitle "Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Regulation Compact," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

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The expenses of the Commission shall be borne by the signatories in the manner hereinafter set forth. The Commission shall submit to the Governor of Virginia, the Governor of Maryland and the Board of Commissioners of the District of Columbia, at such time or times as shall be requested, a budget of its requirements for such period as may be required by the laws of the signatories for presentation to the legislature thereof. [The expenses of the Commission shall be allocated among the signatories in the proportion that the population of each signatory within the Metropolitan District bears to the total population of the Metropolitan District.] *Seventy percent of the expenses of the Commission shall be allocated among the signatories in the proportion that the population of each signatory within the Metropolitan District bears to the total population of the Metropolitan District, and thirty percent of the expenses of the Commission shall be allocated among the signatories in accordance with the scheduled miles of regular route service within the jurisdiction of each signatory by carriers holding certificates of public convenience and necessity issued by the Commission. In calculating the miles allocable to each signatory, the data used (a) shall be that of the latest calendar year prior to the date the earliest budget is required to be submitted to any of the signatories, and (b) shall include only the scheduled miles in intrastate or intra-District of Columbia service, except for any carrier which does not render such intrastate or intra-District of Columbia service in each jurisdiction in which it operates, in which case the total scheduled miles of that carrier shall be utilized and allocated to the signatory in whose jurisdiction such carrier is based. The allocation shall be made by the Commission and approved by the governors of the two states and the Board of Commissioners of the District of Columbia, and shall be based on the latest available population statistics of the bureau of the census; provided, however, that if current population data are not available, the Commission may, upon the request of any signatory, employ estimates of population prepared in a manner approved by the Commission*