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(a) The [Public] *Mass Transit Administration* is hereby established as part of the Department of Transportation. The head of the [Public] *Mass Transit Administration* shall be the [Public] *Mass Transit Administrator*. The incumbent General Manager of the Metropolitan Transit Authority as of June 30, 1971, shall be the [Public] *Mass Transit Administrator* and shall serve at the pleasure of the Secretary of Transportation. Thereafter, his successors shall be appointed by the Secretary of Transportation, with the approval of the Governor, and shall serve at the pleasure of the Secretary. The [Public] *Mass Transit Administrator* shall receive such salary as provided in the State Budget. The [Public] *Mass Transit Administrator* shall report directly to the Secretary of Transportation and shall, subject to the authority of the Secretary of Transportation, be responsible for carrying out the powers, duties, responsibilities and functions vested by law in the [Public] *Mass Transit Administration*. The [Public] *Mass Transit Administrator* shall also be responsible for carrying out those duties or functions vested in the Secretary of Transportation which the Secretary may delegate to him.

(b) The Metropolitan Transit Authority, the office of Secretary of the Metropolitan Transit Authority, the office of Treasurer of the Metropolitan Transit Authority, and the office of General Manager of the Metropolitan Transit Authority, are hereby abolished. From and after July 1, 1971, all rights, powers, duties, obligations and functions heretofore conferred upon or exercised by the Metropolitan Transit Authority and such above-named officers, shall be transferred to and shall, subject to the authority of the Secretary of Transportation, be exercised by the [Public] *Mass Transit Administration* except for those powers and duties transferred to the Maryland Transportation Authority by Section 208C of this Article.

(c) All rules, regulations, forms, orders and directives promulgated by or in effect for the Metropolitan Transit Authority as of June 30, 1971, shall continue in force unless and until changed by the [Public] *Mass Transit Administrator* or the Secretary of Transportation.

(d) All references in this Code, other laws, ordinances, resolutions, rules, regulations, directives, legal actions, contracts or other documents to the Metropolitan Transit Authority and *Public Transit Administration* shall be deemed to mean the [Public] *Mass Transit Administration* or, if such references relate to matters within the jurisdiction of the Maryland Transportation Authority and if such construction be more reasonable, then such references shall be deemed to mean the Maryland Transportation Authority.

(e) All persons who are as of June 30, 1971, officers and employees of the Metropolitan Transit Authority, but not including members of the Metropolitan Transit Authority and its Secretary and its Treasurer, are hereby confirmed in the office, position and classification which they hold as of June 30, 1971, as officers and employees of the [Public] *Mass Transit Administration* until they retire, resign, or are removed as provided by law.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Sections 2 (a), 2 (b), 4 and 6 (b) of Article 64B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition, 1968 Replacement*