provided by ordinance of the local legislative body.

- (5) To take into consideration, as a factor when acting upon a zoning application, the availability of schools and other public facilities in the area, including flood plain facilities, under rules and regulations provided by ordinance of the local legislative body.
- SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1978.

Approved May 16, 1978.

CHAPTER 533

(Senate Bill 1014)

AN ACT concerning

Mass Transit - Legislative Policy

FOR the purpose of establishing legislative policy regarding the special transportation needs of elderly and handicapped persons.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Transportation Section 7-102 Annotated Code of Maryland (1977 Volume and 1977 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article - Transportation

7-102.

- (a) The development of improved and expanded transit facilities, consisting of rapid transit and bus service operating as a unified and coordinated regional transit system, is essential for the satisfactory movement of people and goods, the alleviation of present and future traffic congestion, the economic welfare and vitality, and the development of the metropolitan area of Baltimore, consisting of Baltimore City, Baltimore County, and Anne Arundel County.
- (b) It is the policy of this title to create a regional transit system in the District that will provide compatibility with other contiguous or neighboring systems.