

(III) THE IMPACT ON TRAFFIC CONGESTION ALONG THE INTERSTATE 95, INTERSTATE 295, AND MD STATE ROUTE 100 CORRIDORS AS A RESULT OF THE STATION CLOSURE;

(IV) THE EFFECT OF CLOSING THE ST. DENIS STATION ON RIDERSHIP AT THE HALETORPE STATION, INCLUDING THE EFFECT ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING AT THE HALETORPE STATION AND IN ARBUTUS;

(V) THE PROJECTED RIDERSHIP AT THE ST. DENIS STATION IF TRAIN STOPS ARE INCREASED UP TO NINE STOPS; AND

(VI) THE PROJECTED RIDERSHIP AT THE ST. DENIS STATION IF SERVICE TO AND FROM BALTIMORE IS RESUMED.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is enacted.

Approved March 28, 2006.

CHAPTER 19

(Senate Bill 144)

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Stem Cell Research Act of 2006

FOR the purpose of requiring certain persons to conduct certain research in a certain manner; prohibiting certain persons from conducting certain research that intentionally and directly leads to human cloning; establishing the Maryland Stem Cell Research Fund; providing for the purpose of the Fund; specifying that the Fund is a special, nonlapsing fund; specifying that the State Treasurer shall hold the Fund separately and that the Comptroller shall account for the Fund; specifying that certain proceeds shall be invested and reinvested in a certain manner; specifying that certain earnings shall be paid into the Fund; providing for the composition of the Fund; authorizing the Governor to include an appropriation to the Fund in the annual budget bill; ~~requiring the Governor to include a certain appropriation in the annual budget bill~~; requiring the ~~Department of Health and Mental Hygiene~~ Maryland Technology Development Corporation to administer the Fund; providing that money in the Fund may only be used for certain purposes; ~~requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to adopt certain regulations~~; ~~establishing the Maryland Scientific Peer Review Committee~~; ~~requiring the Committee to establish certain procedures~~; ~~ensure that these procedures are based on certain guidelines, develop and implement a certain ranking and rating system, and make certain recommendations~~; ~~providing for the membership of the Committee~~; ~~authorizing~~