

**House Bill No. 756**

AN ACT concerning

**Transportation – Passenger Railroad Service Lines – Closure of MARC Train Stations**

FOR the purpose of prohibiting the Mass Transit Administration from closing a ~~station~~ certain stations on certain passenger railroad service lines before a certain date; requiring the Administration to conduct a certain review and report its findings to the Governor and the General Assembly before closing a station on certain passenger railroad service lines; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to the closure of certain MARC train stations on certain passenger railroad lines.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Transportation

Section 7-902

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2001 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article – Transportation**

7-902.

(a) The Administration shall continue to operate the following passenger railroad services at levels of service at least equivalent to the level of service established as of July 1, 1981:

- (1) The CSX line between Brunswick and the District of Columbia;
- (2) The Amtrak line between Penn Station in Baltimore and the District of Columbia; and
- (3) The CSX line between Camden Station in Baltimore and the District of Columbia.

(b) The Administration shall recover at least 50 percent of total operating costs for all passenger railroad services under its control from fares and operating revenues. Notwithstanding § 7-208 of this title, the Maryland Transit Administration shall calculate for passenger rail services a separate farebox recovery ratio for the administrative purposes of determining a separate cost recovery ratio for each of the aforementioned transit modes from the calculation for mass transit, Metro, and light rail.

(c) (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE ADMINISTRATION MAY NOT CLOSE A STATION ON A PASSENGER RAILROAD SERVICE LINE DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION BEFORE MARCH 6, 2007.