

under certain circumstances; authorizing the Administration to enter into certain agreements to construct, operate, and maintain bus passenger shelters at certain fixed-route bus stops; defining certain terms; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to commercial advertising signs on bus passenger shelters located on State rights-of-way.

BY adding to

Article - Transportation

Section 8-750 through 8-752, inclusive, to be under the new part "Part VII. Advertising Signs on Bus Passenger Shelters"

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2001 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

Preamble

WHEREAS, The State of Maryland and its counties and municipal corporations operate public fixed route bus services along State highways; and

WHEREAS, The State is committed to increasing transit ridership on these bus services; and

WHEREAS, Clean and efficient facilities encourage transit ridership and well-maintained shelters at bus stops are an important part of a program to increase bus ridership; and

WHEREAS, Maryland counties and municipal corporations historically have constructed and maintained bus passenger shelters on the rights-of-way of State highways; and

WHEREAS, The State wishes to create a consistent program that will further the goal of increased use of mass transit through providing enhanced facilities such as bus passenger shelters that are in compliance with applicable State, local, and federal law; now, therefore,

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

Article - Transportation

PART VII. ~~ADVERTISING SIGNS ON BUS PASSENGER SHELTERS~~ BUS PASSENGER SHELTER PROGRAM.

8-750.

(A) IN THIS PART THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(B) "BUS PASSENGER SHELTER" MEANS A SHELTER LOCATED AT A DESIGNATED TRANSIT BUS STOP FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF PASSENGERS OF A PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM OWNED AND OPERATED BY A GOVERNMENTAL UNIT ~~OR~~, PUBLIC AUTHORITY, OR TRANSIT OPERATOR.