

Title III

Article XVI

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(a) The Authority is authorized to establish and maintain a regular police force, to be known as the metro transit police, to provide protection for its patrons, personnel, and transit facilities. The metro transit police shall have the powers and duties and shall be subject to the limitations set forth in this section. It shall be composed of both uniformed and plainclothes personnel and shall be charged with the duty of enforcing the laws of the signatories, and the laws, ordinances and regulations of the political subdivisions thereof in the transit zone, and the rules and regulations of the Authority. The jurisdiction of the metro transit police shall be limited to all the transit facilities (INCLUDING BUS STOPS) owned, controlled or operated by the Authority, but this RESTRICTION shall not limit the power of the metro transit police to make arrests in the transit zone for violations committed upon, to or against such transit facilities committed from within or outside such transit facilities, while in hot or close pursuit FROM-WITHIN-OR-OUTSIDE--SUCH--FACILITIES, or to execute traffic citations and criminal process in accordance with subsection (c) below. WHILE-ON-DUTY--WITHIN--THE-TRANSIT-ZONE,--A-MEMBER-OF-THE-METRO-TRANSIT-POLICE-SHALL-HAVE-THE-POWER--TO--MAKE--ARRESTS--ON--PROBABLE--CAUSE--FOR-CRIMES-AGAINST-PERSONS-AND-VIOLATIONS-OF-"POSSESSION-OF-PROHIBITED-WEAPON--LAWS" OCCURRING--IN--THEIR--PRESENCE--ANYWHERE-IN-THE-TRANSIT-ZONE. The members of the metro transit police shall have concurrent jurisdiction in the performance of their duties with the duly constituted law enforcement agencies of the signatories and of the political subdivisions thereof in which any transit facility of the Authority is located or in which the Authority operates any transit service. Nothing contained in this section shall either relieve any signatory or political subdivision or agency thereof from its duty to provide police, fire and other public safety service and protection, or limit, restrict or interfere with the jurisdiction of or the performance of duties by the existing police, fire and other public safety agencies. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "BUS STOP" MEANS THAT AREA WITHIN 150 FEET OF A METROBUS BUS STOP SIGN, EXCLUDING THE INTERIOR OF ANY BUILDING NOT OWNED, CONTROLLED, OR OPERATED BY THE WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY.

(b) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, a member of the metro transit police shall have the same powers, including the power of arrest, and shall be subject to the same limitations, including regulatory limitations, in the performance of his duties as a member of the duly constituted police force of the political subdivision in which the metro transit police member is engaged in the performance of his duties. However, a member of the metro transit police is authorized to carry and use only such weapons, including handguns, as are issued OR-OTHERWISE