

(H) -- A -- LOCALITY -- THAT -- RECEIVES -- FUNDS -- UNDER -- THIS -- SECTION -- MAY -- NOT -- USE -- THOSE -- FUNDS -- TO -- REPLACE -- ANY -- MONEYS -- THE -- LOCALITY -- RECEIVES -- FROM -- OTHER -- SOURCES -- FOR -- TRANSPORTATION -- SERVICE -- FOR -- THE -- ELDERLY -- AND -- DISABLED -- POPULATION --

(I) -- FEDERAL -- FUNDS -- THAT -- ARE -- PROVIDED -- TO -- THE -- STATE -- FOR -- USE -- IN -- TRANSPORTATION -- SERVICE -- TO -- THE -- ELDERLY -- AND -- DISABLED -- POPULATION -- MAY -- NOT -- BE -- DIVERTED -- TO -- OTHER -- USES -- BY -- THE -- STATE --

(J) -- THE -- SECRETARY -- SHALL -- ENCOURAGE -- EACH -- LOCALITY -- TO --

(1) -- PRINCIPALLY -- FUND -- THE -- LOCALITY'S -- TRANSPORTATION -- SERVICE -- FOR -- THE -- ELDERLY -- AND -- DISABLED -- POPULATION -- WITH -- MONEYS -- FROM -- THE -- TRANSPORTATION -- TRUST -- FUND, -- FEDERAL -- SMALL -- URBAN -- AND -- RURAL -- OR -- OTHER -- APPLICABLE -- PROGRAMS, -- AND -- OTHER -- TRANSPORTATION -- FUNDING -- SOURCES -- IN -- THE -- STATE'S -- FUND, -- AND

(2) -- ENTER -- INTO -- COOPERATIVE -- AGREEMENTS -- WITH -- OTHER -- LOCAL -- OR -- STATE -- RESOURCE -- PROVIDERS --

(K) -- NOTHING -- IN -- THIS -- SECTION -- PROHIBITS -- A -- LOCALITY -- FROM --

(1) -- CONTRACTING -- WITH -- NONPROFIT -- ORGANIZATIONS, -- AREA -- AGENCIES -- ON -- AGING, -- PUBLIC -- TRANSPORTATION -- PROVIDERS, -- OR -- PRIVATE -- CARRIERS -- FOR -- THE -- PROVISION -- OF -- TRANSPORTATION -- SERVICE -- TO -- THE -- ELDERLY -- AND -- DISABLED -- POPULATION, --

(2) -- MODIFYING -- OR -- EXPANDING -- ANY -- EXISTING -- LOCAL -- TRANSPORTATION -- SYSTEM, -- OR

(3) -- DEVELOPING -- A -- NEW -- TRANSPORTATION -- SYSTEM -- WITH -- THE -- USE -- OR -- ASSISTANCE -- OF -- SUBSIDIZED -- VOLUNTEERS --

(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION, THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) "COUNTY" INCLUDES BALTIMORE CITY.

(3) "ELDERLY AND HANDICAPPED PERSON" MEANS ANY PERSON WHO, BY REASON OF ILLNESS, INJURY, AGE, CONGENITAL MALFUNCTION, OR OTHER PERMANENT OR TEMPORARY INCAPACITY OR DISABILITY, IS UNABLE TO USE MASS TRANSIT FACILITIES AND SERVICES AS EFFECTIVELY AS A PERSON WHO IS NOT SO AFFECTED.

(4) "TRANSPORTATION SERVICE" MEANS ANY TRANSPORTATION OPTION OR MIX OF OPTIONS THAT MAY INCLUDE PARATRANSIT OR FIXED ROUTE SERVICE, ESTABLISHED OR EMPLOYED BY A COUNTY TO ACCOMMODATE THE TRANSPORTATION NEEDS OF ITS ELDERLY AND HANDICAPPED RESIDENTS.

(B) (1) THE SECRETARY SHALL IDENTIFY SEPARATELY WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT'S ANNUAL BUDGET AN AMOUNT THAT THE SECRETARY DEEMS NECESSARY TO BE USED FOR ELDERLY AND HANDICAPPED TRANSPORTATION SERVICE IN EACH COUNTY.