

(III) MAY NOT RESTRICT ITS TRANSPORTATION SERVICE TO CLIENTS OF SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCIES;

(IV) MAY ESTABLISH REASONABLE FARES; AND

(V) MAY PERMIT PERSONS OTHER THAN THE ELDERLY AND HANDICAPPED TO USE OR BENEFIT FROM ITS TRANSPORTATION SERVICE TO THE EXTENT CAPACITY IS AVAILABLE.

(G) (H) THE SECRETARY IN CONSULTATION WITH THE MARYLAND OFFICE ON AGING AND THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE FOR HANDICAPPED INDIVIDUALS SHALL MONITOR THE USE OF FUNDS PROVIDED UNDER THIS SECTION.

(H) (I) A COUNTY THAT RECEIVES FUNDS UNDER THIS SECTION MAY NOT USE THOSE FUNDS TO REPLACE ANY MONEYS IT RECEIVES FROM OTHER SOURCES FOR TRANSPORTATION SERVICE FOR THE ELDERLY AND HANDICAPPED.

(I) (J) FEDERAL FUNDS PROVIDED TO THE STATE FOR USE IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROVISION OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICE TO THE ELDERLY AND HANDICAPPED MAY NOT BE DIVERTED TO OTHER USES BY THE STATE.

(J) (K) THE SECRETARY SHALL ENCOURAGE EACH COUNTY TO:

(1) CONTINUE TO MAXIMIZE THE USE OF EXISTING FUNDING PROGRAMS FOR ELDERLY AND HANDICAPPED TRANSPORTATION SERVICE; AND

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

(K) (L) NOTHING IN THIS SECTION PROHIBITS A COUNTY 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 HANDICAPPED;

(2) MODIFYING OR EXPANDING ANY EXISTING LOCAL TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM; OR

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

(M) THIS SECTION TERMINATES AND IS OF NO FURTHER EFFECT AFTER JUNE 30, 1987.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1985.

Approved May 21, 1985.

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