

(i) DETERMINE THE STATE'S POPULATION OF RESIDENTS WHO HAVE ATTAINED THE AGE OF 60 YEARS, AND

(ii) DISTRIBUTE THE REMAINING AMOUNT AMONG THE COUNTIES AND BALTIMORE CITY IN PROPORTION TO THEIR RESPECTIVE PERCENTAGES OF THAT POPULATION UNTIL THE STATE'S COMBINED ELDERLY AND HANDICAPPED POPULATION CAN BE ACCURATELY DETERMINED.

(F) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE PROPER ENFORCEMENT OF THIS SECTION. THE RULES AND REGULATIONS SHALL PROVIDE THAT:

(1) ALL AMOUNTS DISTRIBUTED TO THE COUNTIES AND BALTIMORE CITY UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE USED ONLY FOR THE ACQUISITION, REPLACEMENT, OR OPERATIONAL COSTS OF A LOCALLY SPONSORED PARATRANSIT SYSTEM THAT PRIMARILY SERVES THE NEEDS OF THE ELDERLY AND HANDICAPPED RESIDENTS OF THAT LOCALITY;

(2) EACH LOCALITY SHALL DETERMINE THE MOST EFFECTIVE MEANS OF SERVING THE NEEDS OF ITS ELDERLY AND HANDICAPPED RESIDENTS;

(3) THE STATE AND EACH LOCALITY SHALL WORK TOGETHER TO SERVE THE NEEDS OF THE STATE'S ELDERLY AND HANDICAPPED POPULATION;

(4) THE DEPARTMENT AND EACH LOCALITY SHALL MAINTAIN EXISTING LEVELS OF SUPPORT FOR THE ELDERLY AND HANDICAPPED WHO ARE CAPABLE OF USING FIXED ROUTE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION TO GAIN ACCESS TO SHELTERED WORKSHOPS AND OTHER PROGRAMS ESTABLISHED BY THE MASS TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION FOR THE ELDERLY AND HANDICAPPED;

(5) ALL FEDERAL FUNDS PROVIDED TO THE STATE FOR USE IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROVISION OF SERVICES TO THE ELDERLY AND HANDICAPPED MAY NOT BE DIVERTED TO OTHER USES BY THE STATE;

(6) ALL FUNDS RECEIVED BY A LOCALITY FROM THE STATE TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND FOR USE IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROVISION OF SERVICES TO THE ELDERLY AND HANDICAPPED MAY NOT BE DIVERTED TO OTHER USES BY THE LOCALITY;

(7) ANY FUNDS RECEIVED BY A LOCALITY IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION MUST BE DISTRIBUTED BY THE LOCALITY TO EACH MUNICIPALITY WITHIN THE LOCALITY BASED ON THE PERCENTAGE OF ELDERLY AND HANDICAPPED RESIDING IN THE MUNICIPALITY; AND

(8) THE STATE SHALL ENCOURAGE THE LOCALITIES TO USE THE AMOUNTS THEY RECEIVE UNDER THIS SECTION.

(i) TO CREATIVELY COORDINATE EXISTING SYSTEMS WITH ADDITIONAL SERVICES ANTICIPATED TO BE PROVIDED UNDER THIS SECTION;