

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

Article - Transportation

5-824-

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

(B) -- "THE ANNUAL -- DAY-NIGHT -- (AVERAGE) -- SOUND -- LEVEL -- (LDN)" MEANS -- FOR -- LOCATIONS -- IN -- THE -- NEIGHBORHOOD -- OF -- THE -- AIRPORT, -- THE DAY-NIGHT -- (AVERAGE) -- SOUND -- LEVEL, -- IN -- DECIBELS, -- RESULTING -- FROM -- THE EFFECTIVE -- ANNUAL -- AVERAGE -- DAILY -- TRAFFIC -- AND -- THE -- UTILIZATION -- OF RUNWAYS -- AND -- FLIGHT -- PATHS -- THAT -- AFFECT -- THE -- NOISE -- EXPOSURE -- AT -- THE LOCATIONS -- IN -- QUESTION.

SUBTITLE 12. AIRPORT NOISE ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

5-1201.

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

(B) "AIRPORT" MEANS BALTIMORE-WASHINGTON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

(C) "BOARD" MEANS THE BOARD OF AIRPORT ZONING APPEALS ESTABLISHED UNDER SUBTITLE 5 OF THIS TITLE.

(D) "CUMULATIVE NOISE EXPOSURE" MEANS A CALCULATED OR MEASURED VALUE FOR THE EXPOSURE TO AIRCRAFT NOISE IN A 24-HOUR PERIOD, USING THE ANNUAL DAY-NIGHT (AVERAGE) SOUND LEVEL (LDN) METHODOLOGY.

(E) "ANNUAL DAY-NIGHT (AVERAGE) SOUND LEVEL" MEANS THE ANNUAL AVERAGE AIRCRAFT NOISE LEVEL OCCURRING DURING A 24-HOUR PERIOD, THE CALCULATION OF WHICH INCLUDES THE ADDITION OF A 10 DECIBEL PENALTY TO NOISES OCCURRING BETWEEN 10 P.M. AND 7 A.M. DAILY.

(F) "NOISE ZONE" MEANS AN AREA OF LAND SURROUNDING THE AIRPORT WITHIN WHICH THE CUMULATIVE NOISE EXPOSURE IS EQUAL TO OR GREATER THAN THE LOWEST LIMIT FOR CUMULATIVE NOISE EXPOSURE ESTABLISHED BY THE ADMINISTRATOR, UNDER SUBTITLE 8 OF THIS TITLE.

(G) "HOMEOWNER" MEANS AN OWNER OF RESIDENTIALLY USED REAL PROPERTY SITUATED WITHIN THE AIRPORT NOISE ZONE.

(H) "AVIGATION EASEMENT" MEANS A WRITTEN PRIVILEGE GRANTED BY A HOMEOWNER RELATED TO AIRCRAFT OVERFLIGHT, NOISE, AND