

SECTION 2: 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1989 and shall be applicable to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 1989.

Approved May 25, 1989.

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CHAPTER 617

(Senate Bill 812)

AN ACT concerning

Baltimore-Washington International Airport -  
Noise Abatement

FOR the purpose of requiring the State Aviation Administration to establish a certain program; ~~requiring the Administration to prepare certain reports on the progress made toward achieving a certain noise zone reduction by a certain date at Baltimore-Washington International Airport;~~ requiring the Administration to submit the reports to the Governor and the General Assembly by certain dates; and generally relating to reporting on noise abatement at the Baltimore-Washington International Airport.

Preamble

WHEREAS, The Maryland Environmental Noise Act of 1974 (Chapter 287 of the Acts of 1974) establishes the policy of this State with respect to the protection of its citizens from the consequences of unacceptable levels of environmental noise generally; and

WHEREAS, The aviation portion of the 1974 Act, in particular, mandates the resolution of existing noise problems and the prevention of new noise problems in areas near airports through adoption of noise abatement plans and the establishment and enforcement of noise zone regulations; and

WHEREAS, In implementing this established legislative policy; and as part of a federal program of airport noise compatibility planning, the State Aviation Administration, through a voluntary Airport/airline cooperative program, has committed itself to a goal of reducing the airport noise zone at Baltimore-Washington International Airport by 1993; and

WHEREAS, The General Assembly of Maryland, through enactment of Chapters 579 and 580 of the Acts of 1987, and other legislative initiatives, supports voluntary Airport/airline