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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 cooperative efforts designed to reduce the impact of aircraft noise on surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, The General Assembly remains concerned that such a voluntary and cooperative program does, in fact, work to achieve meaningful reductions in aircraft noise levels; now, therefore,

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

(a) The State Aviation Administration shall establish a program to achieve a goal of an airport noise zone no greater than 8,500 acres by December 31, 1993.

(b) At the end of 1990, 1991, 1992, and 1993, the State Aviation Administration shall report to the Governor and the General Assembly on the progress made during the year toward the goal of achieving the noise zone reduction at Baltimore-Washington International Airport.

(c) The annual reports required under this Act shall be submitted to the Governor and the General Assembly by ~~January-1st~~ June 1st of each year.

(d) ~~In--addition--to--the--annual--reports--the--Administration--shall--prepare--an--interim--report--by--July--1st--of--each--year--describing--the--progress--made--in--achieving--the--noise--zone--reduction--goal.~~