Preamble

WHEREAS, It is in the best interests of the State of Maryland that State-owned aviation facilities, most importantly, Baltimore/Washington International Airport (BWI), be managed and operated in the most efficient and effective manner possible; and

WHEREAS, The Governor appointed the BWI Advisory Committee and requested that the Committee of business leaders and legislators evaluate alternative governance structures for BWI; and

WHEREAS, In November 1993, the Committee concluded that the most logical and appropriate way to enhance BWI is to create a private sector oriented commission similar to the Maryland Port Commission that would guide the Maryland Aviation Administration in its development and operation of BWI; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Administration and the General Assembly by enactment of this legislation to further strengthen and enhance Maryland's State-owned airports and their resulting benefits for all of the citizens of Maryland; now, therefore,

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

Article - Transportation

2-102.

- (c) (1) With the approval of the Governor, the Secretary shall appoint a deputy secretary who has the duties provided by law or delegated by the Secretary.
- (2) The deputy secretary is the acting secretary during periods when the Secretary is absent or disabled.
- (3) The deputy secretary serves at the pleasure of the Secretary and is entitled to the salary provided in the State budget.
- (4) The deputy secretary shall serve as acting chairman of the Maryland Transportation Authority, ACTING CHAIRMAN OF THE MARYLAND AVIATION COMMISSION, and acting chairman of the Maryland Port Commission during periods when the Secretary is absent or disabled.

5-101.

- (a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.
- (b) "Administration" means the Maryland Aviation Administration.
- (C) "COMMISSION" MEANS THE MARYLAND AVIATION COMMISSION.
- [(c)](D) ["Administrator"] "EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR" means the [Maryland Aviation Administrator] EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE MARYLAND AVIATION ADMINISTRATION.
 - [(d)](E) (1) "Aeronautics" means the science and art of flight.