

Assembly; requiring the Department of Transportation to monitor certain traffic volumes and work with the Congress and appropriate state and federal officials with regard to the collection of certain tolls under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the Woodrow Wilson Bridge and Tunnel Compact.

BY adding to

Article - Transportation

Section 10-301 through 10-303, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 3. Woodrow Wilson Bridge and Tunnel Compact"

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1993 Replacement Volume and 1994 Supplement)

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

Article - Transportation

SUBTITLE 3. WOODROW WILSON BRIDGE AND TUNNEL COMPACT.

10-301.

(A) IN THE COMPACT SET FORTH IN THIS SUBTITLE, UNLESS THE CONTEXT CLEARLY REQUIRES OTHERWISE, "ARTICLE", "SECTION", AND "TITLE" MEAN AN ARTICLE, SECTION, AND TITLE, RESPECTIVELY, OF THE COMPACT.

(B) THE DEFINITIONS IN § 1-101 OF THIS ARTICLE DO NOT APPLY TO THE COMPACT SET FORTH IN THIS SUBTITLE.

10-302.

ON BEHALF OF THIS STATE, THE GOVERNOR SHALL EXECUTE, WITH ~~THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA AND~~ THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, AN INTERSTATE COMPACT SUBSTANTIALLY AS IT APPEARS IN § 10-303 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

10-303. TEXT OF THE WOODROW WILSON BRIDGE AND TUNNEL COMPACT.

PREAMBLE

WHEREAS, TRAFFIC CONGESTION IMPOSES SERIOUS ECONOMIC BURDENS IN THE ~~METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON, D.C.~~ WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA, COSTING COMMUTERS AN ESTIMATED \$1,000 EACH PER YEAR; AND

WHEREAS, THE AVERAGE LENGTH OF COMMUTE IN THE ~~METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON, D.C.~~ WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA IS SECOND ONLY TO METROPOLITAN NEW YORK, DEMONSTRATING THE SEVERITY OF TRAFFIC CONGESTION; AND

WHEREAS, THE WOODROW WILSON BRIDGE WAS DESIGNED TO CARRY 70,000 VEHICLES A DAY, BUT CARRIES AN ACTUAL LOAD OF 160,000 PER DAY; AND