

20% in that year in the number of scheduled revenue miles; (2) one or more reductions in a single year that represent a total reduction of more than 1 hour in that year in the hours of service; (3) one or more reductions in a single year that represent a total reduction of more than 15% in that year in the number of route miles; or (4) one or more eliminations of service in a single year that represent a total elimination of service in that year for more than 10% of current riders. Any change that does not conform with these standards shall constitute a minor service reduction.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, in Maryland, any posting of notice of public hearing regulations adopted by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority under this Act shall include requirements for advanced posting of notice at stations, terminals, bus shelters, and vehicles that serve members of the public that are directly affected by a proposed change.

SECTION 2. 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 1 of this Act may not take effect until similar Acts are passed by the District of Columbia and the Commonwealth of Virginia; that the District of Columbia and the Commonwealth of Virginia are requested to concur in this Act of the General Assembly by the passage of substantially similar Acts; that the Department of Legislative Reference shall notify the appropriate officials of the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the United States Congress of the passage of this Act; and that, upon the concurrence in Section 1 of this Act by the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the United States, the Governor of the State of Maryland shall issue a proclamation declaring this Act valid and effective and shall forward a copy of the proclamation to the Director of the Department of Legislative Reference.

SECTION 3. 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, subject to the provisions of Section 2 4 of this Act, this Act shall take effect October 1, 1996.

Approved May 23, 1996.

CHAPTER 687

(House Bill 746)

AN ACT concerning

Transportation Funding — ~~Grants for Local Paratransit Service~~ Services — Fiscal Assistance

FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Transportation to provide annual grants to local jurisdictions for paratransit service that complements fixed route service in compliance with the federal Americans with Disabilities Act; requiring the amount of the grants to be determined in accordance with certain paratransit plans ~~and to fully cover the cost of providing paratransit services in compliance with the federal Act; altering the limitation on the total amount of the grants that may be provided statewide; altering a termination date applicable to a certain provision providing for refunds of the motor fuel tax paid on certain motor fuel used by certain nonprofit organizations that operated a system of transportation for elderly;~~