

as the quotient of the sum of the hours worked by all such employees in the fiscal year divided by 2,080 hours) of the total authorized amount established in the budget for the Department of Transportation at any one time during fiscal 1997. The level of 336.3 contractual full-time equivalents may be exceeded only if the Maryland Department of Transportation notifies the budget committees of the need and justification for additional contractual personnel due to:

- (1) business growth at the Port of Baltimore and BWI Airport which demands additional personnel; or,
- (2) emergency needs must be met (such as transit security or highway maintenance).

The Secretary shall utilize the authority under the Transportation Article, Section 2-101 and 2-102, to implement this provision. However, any authorized job or position to be filled above the 9,250.5 permanent position ceiling approved by the Board of Public Works shall count against the Rule of 50 imposed by the General Assembly. The establishment of new jobs or positions of employment not authorized in the fiscal 1997 budget shall be subject to the State Finance and Procurement Article, Section 7-236 and the Rule of 50.

It is the intent of the General Assembly that funds dedicated to the Transportation Trust Fund shall be applied to purposes bearing direct relation to the State transportation program, unless directed otherwise by legislation. To implement this intent for the Department of Transportation in fiscal 1997, no commitment of funds in excess of \$250,000 may be made nor may such an amount be transferred, by budget amendment or otherwise, for any project or purpose not normally arising in connection with the ordinary ongoing operation of the department and not contemplated in the budget approved or the last published