

- (1) Costs incurred in the construction, reconstruction, or maintenance of its highways and streets;
- (2) Costs incurred by its police department for carrying out traffic functions and enforcing the traffic laws;
- (3) Costs incurred in its other highway related activities for:
 - (i) Lighting the highways;
 - (ii) Stormwater drainage of the highways; and
 - (iii) Street cleaning, but not including the cost of collection of garbage, trash, and refuse;
- (4) The payment of its debt service on bonds or other evidences of obligation for:
 - (i) The construction, reconstruction, or maintenance of its highways and streets; and
 - (ii) Any other of its highway activities, including lighting the highways and providing stormwater drainage;
- (5) The cost of transportation facilities, as defined in § 3-101 of this article;
- (6) As to Kent County:
 - (i) The cost of maintaining county owned boat landings; and
 - (ii) Costs incurred in providing traffic crossing guards; or
- (7) As to Baltimore City, through fiscal year [1997] 2002, students' costs of discounted Mass Transit Administration fares for eligible public school students in Baltimore City.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1997.

Approved May 22, 1997.

CHAPTER 629

(Senate Bill 746)

AN ACT concerning

Telecommunications Tax Reform

FOR the purpose of ~~altering the definitions of "public service company" and "gross receipts" under the public service company franchise tax; defining "telecommunications service" for purposes of the public service company franchise tax; altering the public service company franchise tax rate for a person providing a~~