

CHAPTER 699

(House Bill 906)

AN ACT concerning

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority – Rules and Regulations – Adoption and Enforcement

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FOR the purpose of authorizing members of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) police to carry and use certain weapons under certain circumstances; requiring certain notice and public hearing procedures for the adoption of certain regulations; requiring certain jurisdictions to prosecute criminal violations of WMATA rules and regulations in a certain manner; repealing a certain requirement regarding reimbursement of WMATA by an individual convicted of a certain crime; providing for a certain contingency; and generally relating to the adoption and enforcement of the rules and regulations of WMATA.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Transportation

Section 10-204 Title III Article XVI Section 76(b) and (e)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1993 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

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

Article – Transportation

10-204.

Title III

Article XVI

76.

(b) [Except as otherwise provided in this section, a] A member of the metro transit police shall have the same powers, including the power of arrest, and shall be subject to the same limitations, including regulatory limitations, in the performance of his duties as a member of the duly constituted police force of the political subdivision in which the metro transit police member is engaged in the performance of his duties. [However, a] A member of the metro transit police is authorized to carry and use only such weapons, including handguns, as are issued [or otherwise approved] by the Authority[, and only in the performance of his duties or while on the transit facilities owned, controlled, or operated by the Authority in direct transit to and from a duty assignment]. A member of the metro transit police [is authorized to carry such weapons only while in direct transit to and from a duty assignment and] is subject to such additional limitations in the use of weapons as are imposed on the duly constituted police force for the political subdivision in which he is engaged in the performance of his duties.