

of employment not authorized in the fiscal 2001 budget shall be subject to the State Finance and Procurement Article, Section 7-236 and the Rule of 50.

Further provided that the Maryland Department of Transportation may create and fill an additional 47 authorized positions above the ceiling of 9,205.5 which shall not count against the rule of 50 if:

- (1) Senate Bill 811 or House Bill 1248 amending the Mass Transit Administration's (MTA) farebox recovery requirement is enacted; and
- (2) The Maryland Department of Transportation demonstrates to the budget committees that the positions are necessary to expand MTA bus services consistent with any farebox recovery legislation enacted during the 2000 legislative session, and the budget committees have 45 days to review and comment on the proposal.

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 Maryland Department of Transportation in fiscal 2001, 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 Consolidated Transportation Program without review and comment by the budget committees.