

payments payroll (defined 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 MDOT at any one time during fiscal 2005. The level of 171.85 contractual full-time equivalents may be exceeded only if MDOT notifies the budget committees of the need and justification for additional contractual personnel due to:

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

The Secretary shall use the authority under Sections 2-101 and 2-102 of the Transportation Article to implement this provision. However, any authorized job or position to be filled above the 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 2005 budget shall be subject to Section 7-236 of the State Finance and Procurement Article, and the Rule of 50.

Consolidated Transportation Bonds may be issued in any amount provided that the aggregate outstanding and unpaid balance of these bonds and bonds of prior issues shall not exceed \$1,500,000,000 \$1,472,000,000 as of June 30, 2005. Provided, however, that in addition to the limits established under this provision, the department may increase its debt outstanding by not more than \$15,000,000, so long as (1) notice stating the specific reason for the additional debt requirement is provided to the budget