a certain manner without holding a public hearing; requiring the People's Counsel to the Public Service Commission to appear at certain hearings called by the Administration; making a stylistic change; and generally relating to public hearings held by the Maryland Transit Administration.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

 ${\bf Article-Transportation}$ 

Section 7–506

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2001 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

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

## **Article - Transportation**

7-506.

- (a) (1) Until EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, UNTIL a public hearing is held on the matter, the Administration may not:
  - [(1)] (I) Fix or revise any fare or rate charged the general public; [or]
- [(2)] (II) Establish or abandon any BUS OR RAIL route <u>LISTED ON A</u> PUBLISHED TIMETABLE;
- (III) CHANGE A BUS OR RAIL ROUTE ALIGNMENT OR BUS STOP LOCATION LISTED ON A PUBLISHED TIMETABLE, UNLESS THE CHANGE IS NEEDED BECAUSE OF TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION OR CHANGES IN THE ROAD NETWORK; OR
  - (IV) ESTABLISH OR ABANDON A RAIL TRANSIT STATION.
- (2) THE ADMINISTRATION MAY ONLY IMPLEMENT A CHANGE OF POLICY ON A MATTER DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION DURING THE TIME PERIOD THAT BEGINS 6 WEEKS AFTER THE PUBLIC HEARING AND ENDS 6 MONTHS AFTER THE PUBLIC HEARING.
- (3) (I) IF THE ADMINISTRATION GIVES INADEQUATE NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON A MATTER CHANGE DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE ADMINISTRATION MAY NOT IMPLEMENT A CHANGE OF POLICY ON THE MATTER THE CHANGE UNLESS A LEGALLY SUFFICIENT PUBLIC HEARING IS HELD.