

WHEREAS, Transit-oriented development includes a mix of uses built in a compact form that is oriented to the transit station, streets designed to be safe and pleasant for pedestrians, buildings oriented to the streets, sufficient parking to support transit ridership and commercial land uses, and public open spaces; and

WHEREAS, The State has made a substantial investment in transit that can be leveraged to achieve smart growth outcomes; and

WHEREAS, It is in the interest of the State to support local governments as they exercise their land use authority to develop around planned transit stations in a manner that improves the efficiency and effectiveness of planned transit systems; and

WHEREAS, The support and promotion of transit-oriented development throughout the State is in the interest of the citizens of the State and is a critical component of a high functioning transportation system; now, therefore,

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

Article - Transportation

7-101.

- (a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.
- (b) "Administration" means the Maryland Transit Administration.
- (c) "Administrator" means the Maryland Transit Administrator.
- (d) "District" means:

(1) The Metropolitan Transit District, consisting of Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Anne Arundel County, and other areas as designated by the Secretary after consultation and coordination with the affected jurisdiction and subject to the provisions of the Washington Metropolitan Transit Authority Compact; and

(2) Any area in which railroad service is performed under contract with the Administration or in which railroad facilities are owned by the Administration.

(e) "Excursion train" means any special event train sponsored or contracted for in connection with the promotion of a public event benefiting the State and its citizens.