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**By: Montgomery County and Prince George's County Delegations**

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Assigned to: Commerce and Government Matters

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **WMATA - Service Changes and Notice Requirements - Repeal of Provisions Applicable**

3 **Solely to Maryland**

4 **MC/PG 20-97**

5 FOR the purpose of repealing certain provisions applicable solely to Maryland  
6 concerning the manner that the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority is  
7 required to determine major service reductions for certain purposes and provide  
8 certain notice.

9 BY repealing

10 Chapter 686 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1996

11 Section 2 and 3

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

14 **Chapter 686 of the Acts of 1996**

15 [SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, in Maryland, the  
16 Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority shall conform with the following  
17 standards that constitute a major service reduction. A major service reduction includes:  
18 (1) one or more reductions in a single year that represent a total reduction of more than  
19 20% in that year in the number of scheduled revenue miles; (2) one or more reductions in  
20 a single year that represent a total reduction of more than 1 hour in that year in the hours  
21 of service; (3) one or more reductions in a single year that represent a total reduction of  
22 more than 15% in that year in the number of route miles; or (4) one or more eliminations  
23 of service in a single year that represent a total elimination of service in that year for  
24 more than 10% of current riders. Any change that does not conform with these standards  
25 shall constitute a minor service reduction.]

26 [SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, in Maryland, any posting  
27 of notice of public hearing regulations adopted by the Washington Metropolitan Area  
28 Transit Authority under this Act shall include requirements for advanced posting of  
29 notice at stations, terminals, bus shelters, and vehicles that serve members of the public  
30 that are directly affected by a proposed change.]

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1           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
2 June 1, 1997.