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**By: Senators Ruben, Teitelbaum, Frosh, Green, Forehand, Pinsky, Trotter, Dorman, Lawlah, Hogan, Van Hollen, Currie, Roesser, Hafer, and Kasemeyer**

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Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Transportation Funding - Grants for Local Paratransit Service**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Transportation to provide annual  
4 grants to local jurisdictions for paratransit service that complements fixed route  
5 service in compliance with the federal Americans with Disabilities Act; requiring  
6 the amount of the grants to be determined in accordance with certain paratransit  
7 plans and to fully cover the cost of providing paratransit services in compliance with  
8 the federal Act; and generally relating to grants for local paratransit services.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
10 Article - Transportation  
11 Section 2-103.5  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (1993 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

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

16 **Article - Transportation**

17 2-103.5.

18 (a) Subject to the appropriation requirements and budgetary provisions of §  
19 3-216 of this article and upon receipt of an approval of a grant application in the form or  
20 detail that the Secretary reasonably requires, for Fiscal Year [1996] 1997 AND EACH  
21 FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, the Department shall provide grants for paratransit service  
22 provided by county or local governments, that is complementary to fixed route service as  
23 required under the federal Americans with Disabilities Act.

24 (b) The amount of the grants SHALL:

25 (1) [Shall be] BE determined in accordance with multiyear paratransit  
26 plans approved by the Department or the Federal Transit Administration; and

27 (2) [May not exceed a total of \$3.45 million statewide in Fiscal Year 1996]  
28 EQUAL 100% OF THE COST OF PROVIDING PARATRANSIT SERVICES IN COMPLIANCE  
29 WITH THE FEDERAL AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT.

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1           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
2 July 1, 1996.