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CHAPTER ____

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; altering the limitation on the total amount of the grants that may be~~
9 provided statewide; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating
10 to grants for local paratransit services.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article - Transportation
13 Section 2-103.5
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (1993 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

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

18 **Article - Transportation**

19 2-103.5.

20 (a) Subject to the appropriation requirements and budgetary provisions of §
21 3-216 of this article and upon receipt of an approval of a grant application in the form or
22 detail that the Secretary reasonably requires, for Fiscal Year [1996] 1997 AND EACH
23 FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, the Department shall provide grants for paratransit service

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1 provided by county or local governments, that is complementary to fixedroute service as
2 required under the federal Americans with Disabilities Act.

3 (b) The amount of the grants ~~SHALL~~:

4 (1) ~~±~~ Shall be ~~±~~ ~~BE~~ determined in accordance with multiyear paratransit
5 plans approved by the Department or the Federal Transit Administration; and

6 (2) ~~±~~ May not exceed a total of ~~\$3.45~~ \$4 million statewide in ANY Fiscal
7 ~~Year 1996~~ EQUAL 100% OF THE COST OF PROVIDING PARATRANSIT SERVICES IN
8 COMPLIANCE WITH THE FEDERAL AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT FISCAL
9 YEAR.

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
11 July 1, 1996. It shall remain effective for a period of 3 years and, at the end of June 30,
12 1999, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be
13 abrogated and of no further force and effect.