

SENATE BILL 324

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By: **Senator Forehand (Chair, Joint Committee on Federal Relations)**

Introduced and read first time: January 28, 2008

Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Commission – Appointment of**
3 **Virginia Member**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the agency of the Commonwealth of Virginia from which
5 the Governor of Virginia is required to appoint the Virginia member of the
6 Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Commission; making this Act subject to
7 a certain contingency; and generally relating to the appointment of the Virginia
8 member of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Commission.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
10 Article – Transportation
11 Section 10–203 Title I Article I and Article II
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
15 Article – Transportation
16 Section 10–203 Title I Article III Section 1(a)
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

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

21 **Article – Transportation**

22 10–203.

23 **TITLE I**

24 **General Compact Provisions**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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Article I

2 There is created the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit District, referred to
3 as the Metropolitan District, which shall include: the District of Columbia; the cities of
4 Alexandria and Falls Church of the State of Virginia; Arlington County and Fairfax
5 County of the State of Virginia, the political subdivisions located within those
6 counties, and that portion of Loudoun County, Virginia, occupied by the Washington
7 Dulles International Airport; Montgomery County and Prince George's County of the
8 State of Maryland, and the political subdivisions located within those counties; and all
9 other cities now or hereafter existing in Maryland or Virginia within the geographic
10 area bounded by the outer boundaries of the combined area of those counties, cities,
11 and airports.

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Article II

13 1. The signatories hereby create the "Washington Metropolitan Area
14 Transit Commission", hereafter called the "Commission", which shall be an
15 instrumentality of the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the
16 State of Maryland, and shall have the powers and duties set forth in the Compact and
17 those additional powers and duties conferred upon it by subsequent action of the
18 signatories.

19 2. The Commission shall have jurisdiction coextensive with the
20 Metropolitan District for the regulation of passenger transportation within the
21 Metropolitan District on a coordinated basis, without regard to political boundaries
22 within the Metropolitan District, as set forth in this Compact.

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Article III

24 1. (a) The Commission shall be composed of 3 members, one member
25 appointed by the Governor of Virginia from the [State Corporation Commission]
26 **DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES** of the Commonwealth of Virginia, one member
27 appointed by the Governor of Maryland from the Maryland Public Service
28 Commission, and one member appointed by the Mayor of the District of Columbia from
29 the Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia.

30 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act may not take
31 effect until a similar Act is enacted by the Commonwealth of Virginia and the District
32 of Columbia; that the Commonwealth of Virginia and the District of Columbia are
33 requested to concur in this Act of the General Assembly of Maryland by the enactment
34 of a similar Act; that the Department of Legislative Services shall notify the
35 appropriate officials of the Commonwealth of Virginia, the District of Columbia, and
36 the United States Congress of the enactment of this Act; and that upon the
37 concurrence in this Act by the Commonwealth of Virginia and the District of Columbia
38 and approval by the United States Congress, the Governor of the State of Maryland
39 shall issue a proclamation declaring this Act valid and effective and shall forward a

1 copy of the proclamation to the Executive Director of the Maryland Department of
2 Legislative Services.

3 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, subject to Section 2 of
4 this Act, this Act shall take effect June 1, 2008.