

VIRGINIA, AN INTERSTATE COMPACT SUBSTANTIALLY AS IT APPEARS IN §§ 10-203 AND 10-204 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section presently appears as Art. 41, §267.

The only changes are in style.

As to mass transit in the Baltimore Metropolitan Area, see Title 7 of this article.

As to the required keeping of interstate compacts in the office of the Secretary of State, see Art. 41, §46A of the Code.

10-203. TEXT OF WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT REGULATION COMPACT.

#### PREAMBLE

WHEREAS, THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, THE ADJACENT SUBURBAN AREA OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, AND THE ADJACENT SUBURBAN AREA OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA CONSTITUTE A HIGHLY DEVELOPED AND INTEGRATED METROPOLITAN AREA, AND ITS ECONOMIC WELL-BEING AND THE COMFORT AND WELFARE OF THE CITIZENS THEREOF REQUIRE FREE AND EASY MOVEMENT OF PERSONS AND VEHICLES WITHIN THE AREA; AND

WHEREAS, THE MOVEMENT OF PERSONS AND VEHICLES WITHIN THE METROPOLITAN AREA IS BEING HAMPERED BY THE CONGESTION OF TRAFFIC IN ALL AREAS OF THE METROPOLITAN AREA AND BY THE LACK OF ADEQUATE AND COORDINATED MASS TRANSIT FACILITIES; AND

WHEREAS, SUCH CONDITIONS, WHICH WILL BE AGGRAVATED BY THE CONTINUED GROWTH AND EXPANSION OF THE METROPOLITAN AREA, IMPERIL THE SAFETY OF THE PUBLIC AND CONSTITUTE A SERIOUS IMPEDIMENT TO THE SAFE, ADEQUATE AND SPEEDY TRAVEL TO AND FROM THEIR HOMES AND PLACES OF EMPLOYMENT OF PERSONS LIVING IN SUCH AREAS AND PERSONS TRAVELING THROUGH SUCH AREAS, AND OCCASION GREAT ECONOMIC LOSS; AND

WHEREAS, SUCH CONDITIONS STEM IN PART FROM THE FACT THAT RESPONSIBILITY FOR DEALING WITH THE PROBLEMS INVOLVED IS DIVIDED AMONG THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, STATE OF MARYLAND, COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, AND FROM THE LACK OF AN AREA-WIDE BASIC POLICY ON THE MOVEMENT OF PERSONS AND VEHICLES; AND

WHEREAS, THE ELIMINATION OF UNNECESSARY TRANSIT AND TRAFFIC PROBLEMS IS OF PRIME IMPORTANCE TO THE PEOPLE OF THE METROPOLITAN AREA AND TRAVELERS THROUGH THE AREA; AND

WHEREAS, THE NATIONAL CAPITAL PLANNING COMMISSION AND THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL, AGENCIES OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES, HAVE UNDERTAKEN, WITH THE ASSISTANCE AND COOPERATION OF THE