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Granting the consent and approval of Congress to amendments made by the State of Maryland, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the District of Columbia to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Regulation Compact.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 24, 2009

Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. WARNER, Mr. WEBB, and Ms. MIKULSKI) introduced the following joint resolution; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

JOINT RESOLUTION

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Whereas the State of Maryland, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the District of Columbia entered into the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Regulation Compact in 1960 with the consent of Congress in Public Law No. 86–794, 74 Stat. 1031;

Whereas the State of Maryland, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the District of Columbia amended titles I and II of the Compact in 1962 and 1990 with the consent of

Congress in Public Law No. 87–767, 76 Stat. 764, and Public Law No. 101–505, 104 Stat. 1300, respectively;

Whereas legislation enacted by the State of Maryland (2008 Md. Laws c. 32 and 2009 Md. Laws c. 76) the Commonwealth of Virginia (2007 Va. Acts c. 378 and 2009 Va. Acts c. 540) and the District of Columbia (D.C. Act 17–622) contain amendments to article III of title I of the Compact regarding appointment of members to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Commission; and

Whereas the consent of Congress is required in order to implement such amendments: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. CONSENT OF CONGRESS TO COMPACT AMEND-**
4 **MENTS.**

5 (a) CONSENT.—Consent of Congress is given to the
6 amendments of the State of Maryland, the amendments
7 of the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the amendments
8 of the District of Columbia to article III of title I of the
9 Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Regulation Com-
10 pact.

11 (b) AMENDMENTS.—The amendments referred to in
12 subsection (a) are substantially as follows:

13 (1) Section 1(a) is amended to read as follows:

14 “(a) The Commission shall be composed of 3 mem-
15 bers, 1 member appointed by the Governor of Virginia
16 from the Department of Motor Vehicles of the Common-

1 wealth of Virginia, 1 member appointed by the Governor
 2 of Maryland from the Maryland Public Service Commis-
 3 sion, and 1 member appointed by the Mayor of the Dis-
 4 trict of Columbia from a District of Columbia agency with
 5 oversight of matters relating to the Commission.”.

6 (2) Section 1 is amended by inserting at the
 7 end the following:

8 “(d) An amendment to section 1(a) of this article
 9 shall not affect any member in office on the amendment’s
 10 effective date.”.

11 **SEC. 2. RIGHT TO ALTER, AMEND, OR REPEAL.**

12 The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is ex-
 13 pressly reserved.

14 **SEC. 3. CONSTRUCTION AND SEVERABILITY.**

15 It is intended that the provisions of this compact shall
 16 be reasonably and liberally construed to effectuate the
 17 purposes thereof. If any part or application of this com-
 18 pact, or legislation enabling the compact, is held invalid,
 19 the remainder of the compact or its application to other
 20 situations or persons shall not be affected.

21 **SEC. 4. INCONSISTENCY OF LANGUAGE.**

22 The validity of these amendments to the compact
 23 shall not be affected by any insubstantial differences in
 24 its form or language as adopted by the State of Maryland,
 25 Commonwealth of Virginia and District of Columbia.

1 **SEC. 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

2 This Act shall take effect on the date of enactment
3 of this Act.

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