

## CHAPTER 878.

(House Bill 866)

AN ACT to add four new sections to Article 78A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Public Works—Board of", said new sections to be known as Sections 24, 25, 26 and 27 and to follow immediately after Section 23 of said Article, authorizing the appointment of the Maryland Veterans' Housing Commission and prescribing its powers and duties.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That four new sections be and they are hereby added to Article 78A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Public Works—Board of", said new sections to be known as Sections 24, 25, 26 and 27 and to follow immediately after Section 23 of said Article, and to read as follows:

24. (Maryland Veterans' Housing Commission.) It is hereby declared that a serious public emergency exists affecting and threatening the welfare, comfort, health and safety of the people of the State resulting from the existence of a dire housing and dwelling accommodation shortage directly affecting the veterans of World War II and their families and others.

25. The Governor is hereby authorized to appoint five (5) persons who shall constitute a commission known as the Maryland Veterans Housing Commission, hereinafter referred to as the Commission. One of the members shall be the Attorney General or a member of his staff and one shall be a member of the State Planning Commission. The members shall be appointed for a five year term and the Governor shall designate as chairman of the Commission one of the members so appointed by him. Any vacancy occurring at any time in the personnel of the Commission shall be filled by the Governor's appointing a successor for the unexpired term. The members of the Commission shall receive no salary, but shall be entitled to receive the necessary and proper expenses for travel and other costs incurred in the conduct of their duties. The Commission may appoint subject to the provisions of Article 64A of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, such employees as from time to time, in its judgment may be necessary, provided their compensation shall be approved by the Board of Public Works. The Board of Public Works shall, in its discretion, approve all administrative