

and empowering the County Commissioners of Harford County to sell any real estate which the County may now or hereafter own which is no longer needed for County purposes, and to purchase, rent or lease any real estate which is necessary for the proper and economical conduct of the County's business, as determined by said Commissioners, and to erect improvements thereon or alter any improvements which may be thereon at the time the same is purchased, rented or leased.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That a new section be added to Article 13 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, title "Harford County," sub-title "County Commissioners," to follow Section 227 of said Article, and to be known as Section 227A, and to read as follows:

Section 227A. The County Commissioners of Harford County are hereby authorized and empowered to sell any real estate, together with any improvements thereon which the County may now or hereafter own which is no longer needed or necessary for County purposes. Said land, together with improvements, if any thereon, shall be sold in such manner and at such prices and on such terms as said County Commissioners may determine, provided the same are fair and reasonable; and the said County Commissioners are hereby empowered to give a good and sufficient deed to the purchaser or purchasers thereof; and it is further provided that the proceeds derived from the sale thereof be turned over to the County Treasurer of Harford County to be deposited in his name as such Treasurer to the account of the contingent fund.

The said County Commissioners are also authorized and empowered to purchase, rent or lease any real estate in Harford County which is necessary for the conduct of the County's business as determined by said Commissioners, and also to erect improvements thereon or alter any improvement which may be thereon at the time the same is purchased, rented or leased; to pay for said land and improvements from any funds in the hands of the said County at the time and not otherwise allocated, or to levy sufficient sum for the payment thereof. The land so purchased shall be deeded to Harford County, and shall be held by the Board of County Commissioners in the same manner as other real estate now belonging to the County.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency law and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, and having