

CHAPTER 396.

AN ACT to add two new sections to Article 78A of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, 1924 Edition, as enacted by Chapter 32 of the Acts of the Special Session of the General Assembly of 1933, title "Public Works—Board of," sub-title "Maryland Emergency Housing and Park Commission," said new sections to follow immediately after Section 19 of said Article, and to be known as Sections 20 and 21, extending the powers of the Maryland Emergency Housing and Park Commission; authorizing any municipality, county or local sub-division of the State to co-operate with the Commission, and the United States of America, by conveying, leasing or donating property, or rendering services, in connection therewith; authorizing municipalities to open, close or maintain streets or to plan or zone areas within their corporate limits; to authorize the Board of Public Works to allocate funds to said Commission for administrative purposes out of funds appropriated by the General Assembly, and to authorize any county or municipality to make donations or advances to said Commission in aid of public works as defined in this Article.

WHEREAS, unsanitary and unsafe dwelling accommodations exist in various areas of the State, and consequently many persons of low income are forced to reside in such dwelling accommodations; and

WHEREAS, these conditions cause an increase in and spread of disease and crime and constitute a menace to the health, safety, morals and welfare of the citizens of the State and impair economic values; and

WHEREAS, the clearance, replanning and reconstruction of the areas in which unsanitary or unsafe housing conditions exist and the providing of safe and sanitary dwelling accommodations for persons of low income are public uses and purposes for which private property may be acquired; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest that work on such projects be instituted as soon as possible in order to relieve unemployment which now constitutes an emergency.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That two new sections be and the same are hereby added to Article 78A of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, 1924 Edition, as enacted by Chapter 32 of the Acts of the Special Session of the General As-