

122C. The Commission is hereby authorized to purchase within the State, and within any municipality (including Baltimore City) and within any other political subdivision of the State, and within the limits of any property owned or controlled by the United States Government or any agency thereof, solely from funds provided under the authority of this sub-title such lands, structures, rights-of-way, franchises, easements, and other interests in lands, including lands under water and riparian rights of any such owner or owners deemed necessary for the construction of the motorway, upon such terms and at such prices as may be considered by it to be reasonable and can be agreed upon between it and the owner thereof, and to take title thereto in the name of the State of Maryland. The Commission may utilize such portion of any existing highway in the State as may be deemed necessary by it for the establishment of the motorway; provided that such portion of any existing highway so utilized, shall be replaced by a section of highway of approximately the same length to provide for the alternate toll free route, the cost to be provided as outlined in Section 122B (sub-section c). All municipalities (including Baltimore City), counties and other political subdivisions or public agencies and commissions of the State, notwithstanding any contrary provision of law, are hereby authorized and empowered to transfer jurisdiction over, to lease, lend, grant or convey, to the State upon the request of the Commission, upon such terms and conditions as the proper authorities of such municipalities, counties or other political subdivisions or public agencies and commissions of the State may agree with the Commission as reasonable and fair, such real or personal property as may be necessary or desirable in establishing or constructing the motorway, including public roads and other property already devoted to public use; provided that such portion of any public roads and other property so utilized, shall be replaced by a section of highway of approximately the same length, and by property of the same kind to provide for the alternate toll free route, the cost to be provided as outlined in Section 122B (sub-section c).

Whenever a price cannot be agreed upon, or whenever the owner is legally incapacitated or is absent or is unable to convey valid title or is unknown, the Commission is hereby authorized and empowered to acquire by condemnation or by the exercise of the power of eminent domain any lands, property, rights, rights-of-way, franchises, easements and other property of any person, copartnership, association, railroad or other corporation, or municipality (including Baltimore City) or political sub-division deemed necessary or convenient for the establishment or construction or the efficient operation of the motorway or necessary in the restoration of public or pri-