

CHAPTER 978.

(Senate Bill 533)

AN ACT to add a new section to Article 78A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Public Works—Board of," said new section to be known as Section 7A and to follow immediately after Section 7 of said Article, providing for the release of certain lands or interests in lands from the lien of mortgage, dated January 27, 1855, from the Northern Central Railway Company to the State of Maryland.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That a new section be and the same is hereby added to Article 78A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Public Works—Board of," said new section to be known as Section 7A, to follow immediately after Section 7 of said Article, and to read as follows:

7A. The Board of Public Works is authorized and hereby directed to execute on behalf of the State of Maryland, and to deliver to the Northern Central Railway Company from time to time a release or releases from the lien of the mortgage, dated January 27, 1855, from the Northern Central Railway Company to the State of Maryland, which was executed and delivered by virtue or in pursuance of the provisions of Chapter 260 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed at the January Session of 1854, of such lands or interests in lands included within the lien of said mortgage as are no longer necessary or expedient to retain for use in the operation of the railroad mortgaged thereunder: Provided (1) that any such lands or interests in lands to be released shall have been sold or contracted to be sold, (2) that no such lands or interests in lands shall be released if thereby the continuity or operation of the lines of the railroad so mortgaged shall be broken or substantially impaired, (3) that at the time of execution and delivery of such release or releases the Northern Central Railway Company shall not be in default in any of the terms of said mortgage, and (4) that the Northern Central Railway Company shall obligate itself in writing to apply the proceeds of any such sale or sales to improvement of the remainder of the mortgaged property. The Board of Public Works shall accept as sufficient warrant for action hereunder a copy of a resolution of the Board of Directors of the Northern Central Railway Company or of The Pennsylvania Railroad Company, lessee of the Northern Central Railway