

new sections to Article 19A of the Annotated Code of Maryland, 1947 Supplement, title "Conservation of Natural Resources," said new sections to be known as Sections 22 and 23 to be under a new subtitle to be known as "State Boundaries" to follow immediately after Section 21 of said Article, providing for the restoration and preservation of the markers indicating the boundaries of Maryland.

**SECTION 1.** *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 26 of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, 1939 Edition, title "Crimes and Punishments," subtitle "Boundaries," be and it is hereby repealed.

**SECTION 2.** *And be it further enacted,* That two new sections to be known as Sections 22 and 23 be and they are hereby added to Article 19A of the Annotated Code of Maryland, 1947 Supplement, title "Conservation of Natural Resources," said new Sections to be under new subtitle to be known as "State Boundaries" to follow immediately after Section 21 of said Article 19A, and to read as follows:

#### STATE BOUNDARIES

22. *The monuments marking the common boundary between the State of Maryland and any adjacent state, commonwealth or district are hereby declared to be the joint property of the State of Maryland and such adjoining state, commonwealth or district.*

*The Board of Natural Resources and its component departments are hereby authorized to examine from time to time, at least once in every ten years, the monuments marking the boundaries of this State. Whenever the Board of Natural Resources and its constituent departments shall find the monuments marking the boundary between Maryland and any other state, commonwealth or district have been lost, removed or displaced so that the boundary thereby becomes obscure, inaccurate or incorrect, the Board of Natural Resources and its departments shall cooperate with the proper officials and agencies of the adjacent state, commonwealth or district in the replacement, restoration or repair of the monuments on the said common boundary line. The Board of Natural Resources is further authorized, on behalf of the State of Maryland, to make joint agreements and to enter into joint contracts with appropriate officials or agencies of any adjacent state, commonwealth or district, and with the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey or any similar disinterested party or agency, to re-survey, remark or otherwise delineate more clearly any*