

certain land or interests in land for the purpose of increasing the present parkway width of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal lands between Hancock and Cumberland, Maryland, in accordance with Public Law No. 811 of the 81st Congress.

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States has enacted basic legislation authorizing the construction and development of a parkway along the line of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal in Maryland; and

WHEREAS, the present width of the existing parkway lands owned by the United States are inadequate for the proper and complete development covering all phases of recreational activities, including a traffic-way for passenger vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the Congress and duly designated Federal Agencies have determined that it is both feasible and desirable to construct and maintain a parkway along said route, including a modern traffic-way for passenger vehicular traffic, provided the State of Maryland, or the proper agency thereof, shall acquire and convey to the United States the additional lands necessary to adequately develop the parkway; and

WHEREAS, it is considered desirable and beneficial in the public interest that the United States develop and maintain such a parkway; now, therefore,

**SECTION 1.** *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the State Roads Commission, in cooperation with the United States Department of the Interior, may acquire by gift, purchase, condemnation, or otherwise, in its discretion, in the name of the State Roads Commission for the use of the State of Maryland, out of any funds which may be set aside for such purposes, or out of any unused funds in its hands, **NOT EXCEEDING THE SUM OF THREE HUNDRED AND FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$350,000.)** the land, interest in land, rights-of-way over land, scenic or other easements and other rights in land, which are necessary to be acquired as additions to the parkway lands along the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal between Hancock and Cumberland, Maryland, in order to increase the present parkway width to an average of one hundred (100) acres per mile for the entire length of the parkway between Hancock and Cumberland, as authorized by the Act of Congress approved September 22, 1950 (Public Law 811, 81st Cong.). Provided, however, no land author-