

ment Volume), title "Maryland Port Authority", to provide for an international trade center to be included in, and a part of, the term "port facility" as defined in this Article and to designate its function and purpose.

WHEREAS, The General Assembly hereby finds and determines:

(1) that the servicing functions and activities connected with the water-borne commerce and trade of the ports and harbors of the State of Maryland, including customs clearance, shipping negotiations, cargo routing, freight forwarding, financing, insurance agreements and other similar transactions which are presently performed in various scattered locations, should be centralized to provide more efficient and economical facilities for the exchange and buying, selling and transportation of commodities and other property in international and domestic water-borne trade and commerce and for making arrangements for and handling passenger service by water, and matters incidental thereto; and

(2) that unification, at a single, centrally located site, of a facility of commerce accommodating the said functions and activities described in paragraph (1) above and the appropriate governmental, administrative and other services connected with or incidental to the transportation of persons and property by water and the promotion and protection of port commerce, and providing a central locale for exchanging and otherwise promoting the exchange and buying and selling of commodities and property in water-borne trade and commerce, will materially assist in preserving for the State of Maryland and the residents of all parts of the State the material and other benefits of prosperous port communities; and

(3) that the undertaking of the aforesaid unified facility of commerce by Maryland Port Authority has the single object of preserving, and is part of a unified plan to aid in the preservation of, the economic well-being of the State of Maryland and its residents and is found and determined to be in the public interest.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 4 (g) of Article 62B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Replacement Volume), title "Maryland Port Authority", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

4.

(g) The term "port facility" shall mean and shall include, without intending thereby to limit the generality of such term, any one or more of the following or any combination thereof: Lands, piers, docks, wharves, warehouses, sheds, transit sheds, elevators, compressors, refrigeration storage plants, buildings, structures and other facilities, appurtenances and equipment necessary or useful in connection with the operation of a modern port and every kind of terminal or storage structure or facility now in use or hereafter designed for use in the handling, storage, loading or unloading of freight or passengers at steamship terminals, and every kind of transportation facility now in use or hereafter designed for use in connection therewith.