

best use of such property which a seller, willing but not obligated to sell, would accept for the property, and which a buyer, willing but not obligated to buy, would pay therefor excluding any increment in value proximately caused by the public project for which the property condemned is needed, plus the amount, if any, by which such price reflects a diminution in value occurring between the effective date of legislative authority for the acquisition of such property and the date of actual taking if the trier of facts shall find that such diminution in value was proximately caused by the public project for which the property condemned is needed, or by announcements or acts of the plaintiff or its officials concerning such public project, and was beyond the reasonable control of the property owner.

If the condemnor is vested with a continuing power of condemnation, the phrase the effective date of legislative authority for the acquisition of such property, as used in this section, shall mean the date of specific administrative determination to acquire such property.

It shall further be proper, for the defendant property owner who so elects, to present as evidence in a condemnation proceeding, the assessed value of the property, as determined by the Department of Assessments and Taxation, if such assessed value is greater than the appraised value placed on the property by the condemning authority.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1966.

Approved April 14, 1966.

CHAPTER 150

(Senate Bill 343)

AN ACT to repeal Section 5 of Article 70B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition and 1965 Cumulative Supplement), title "Commission on the Aging", repealing the law which restricts the general fund appropriation of the Commission on the Aging.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 5 of Article 70B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition and 1965 Cumulative Supplement), title "Commission on the Aging", be and the same is hereby repealed.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1966.

Approved April 14, 1966.
