

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That if any provision of this Act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid for any reason, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions or any other application of this Act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end, all the provisions of this Act are hereby declared to be severable.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1966.

Approved April 29, 1966.

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CHAPTER 475

(House Bill 836)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 18(b) of Article 62B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Replacement Volume), title "Maryland Port Authority," relating to taxes, benefit assessments, payments in lieu of taxes and benefit assessments and voluntary contributions with respect to tax exempt property AND RELATING TO THE PAYMENT OF SUMS IN LIEU OF TAXES IN LEASES OF CARGO HANDLING FACILITIES BETWEEN THE MARYLAND PORT AUTHORITY AND LESSEES, AND PROHIBITING SAID AUTHORITY FROM ACQUIRING LAND AND IMPROVEMENTS ON A LEASE BACK BASIS UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 18(b) 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62B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Replacement Volume), title "Maryland Port Authority," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

18.

(b) The right and power of any county and the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to impose annually taxes on land and improvements thereon, present and future, acquired and developed by the Authority, within their respective limits, shall be retained by such political subdivisions; but this right to impose taxes shall not apply to land and improvements thereon acquired from the political subdivision, *nor shall such right to impose taxes apply to any cargo handling facilities on or appurtenant to land owned by the Authority or leased by it as lessor or lessee, all such cargo handling facilities and all appurtenances to such cargo handling facilities and the land on or appurtenant to which such cargo handling facilities are located,* OWNED OR LEASED, AS LESSOR OR LESSEE, BY THE PORT AUTHORITY, AND THE LAND USED SOLELY IN CONJUNCTION THEREWITH, *whether purchased, erected, constructed or leased prior to or subsequent to the effective date of this Act, SAID CARGO HANDLING FACILITIES AND LAND to be exempt from all ordinary taxes and benefit assessments to the owner of such facilities, to the Authority, and to the lessees of the Authority from the date when such property was or may hereafter be purchased, erected,*