

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1967.*

Approved May 4, 1967.

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CHAPTER 648

(Senate Bill 4)

AN ACT to add new Sections 181-L through 181-X to Article 41 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume), title "Governor—Executive and Administrative Departments" to be under a new subtitle "The Maryland Environmental Trust," and to follow immediately after Section 181-K thereof, providing generally for the creation of the Maryland Environmental Trust, its purposes and term of existence, the selection, terms, powers and duties of its trustees, the general government of the trust, certain matters relating to the acquisition, receipt, investment, use and disposition by the trust of appropriations, gifts, grants of real and personal property, and other property, and other matters incident thereto.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That new Sections 181-L through 181-X be and they are hereby added to Article 41 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume), title "Governor, Executive and Administrative Departments," to be under a new subtitle "The Maryland Environmental Trust," to follow immediately after Section 181-K thereof, and to read as follows:*

181-L.

*The Maryland Environmental Trust*

*The Maryland Environmental Trust is hereby created for the purpose of conserving, improving, stimulating, and perpetuating the aesthetic, natural, health and welfare, scenic, and cultural qualities of the environment, including but not limited to land, water, air, wild-life scenic qualities, open spaces, buildings or any interest therein, and other appurtenances pertaining in any way to the State of Maryland, and through educational and other media to encourage and motivate the populace of the State and others to do so, and to promote continuing interest in and the study of such matters.*

181-M.

*The purpose of the Maryland Environmental Trust is declared to be of general benefit to the citizens of the State of Maryland and charitable in nature. The Trust shall have perpetual existence subject to modification by the General Assembly of the State of Maryland if the same is necessary to effectuate the purpose of the Trust, and subject to termination by the General Assembly when and if its substantial purpose ceases.*

181-N.

*The powers and duties of the Maryland Environmental Trust shall vest in and be exercised by a Board of twelve trustees. In addition, the Governor of the State of Maryland, the President of the Senate*