

to the State of Maryland and the fact that the expense involved is beyond the ability of the City of Baltimore to provide the necessary financial investment. Increased air carrier service may be attracted to this area by (1) developing new facilities and improving existing facilities to provide better and more effective handling of air passengers and air freight and also by (2) effectively advertising and promoting the facility and the use of the Airport.

(d) The development of the Airport to make it able to attract and increase the volume of air carrier traffic will require the construction of additional modern facilities and installations as well as the rehabilitation of existing facilities. A public airport authority with the use of public funds will be able to construct, rehabilitate, and, if necessary, operate such facilities and installations.

(e) The development of Friendship International Airport to enable it to keep pace with the rapid technological advances in air transportation will also envision the necessity in the not-too-distant future of the acquisition or creation of satellite airports to enable the diverting of private air traffic from the commercial traffic arriving and departing from Friendship International Airport. The Authority created by this Act will be able to satisfactorily cope with this future program.

(F) THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND INCLUDE THE NEED FOR EFFECTING SOUND ECONOMIES WHEREVER POSSIBLE, PROMOTING EFFICIENT INTERCONNECTED AIR, SEA AND LAND TRANSPORTATION, UTILIZING AVAILABLE FINANCIAL RESOURCES TO ACCOMPLISH MOST NECESSARY PROJECTS, AND PLANNING EFFECTIVELY FOR FUTURE GROWTH IN AIR, SEA AND LAND TRANSPORTATION. THE MERGER OF THE AUTHORITY WITH THE EXISTING MARYLAND PORT AUTHORITY, IN GRADUAL STEPS OVER TWO YEARS, MAY EFFECTUATE THESE PURPOSES.

## 2. Territorial jurisdiction.

The Authority shall have jurisdiction and shall be empowered to exercise and apply any or all of its powers and duties, as defined and set forth in this Article, in, adjoining, or in the vicinity of Friendship International Airport, and elsewhere in the State as provided for in this Article.

## 3. Creation of Authority; appointment, etc., of members; officers.

(a) Authority created; State instrumentality. There is hereby created a body politic and corporate to be known as the "Maryland Airport Authority". The Authority is an instrumentality of the State of Maryland, and the exercise by the Authority of the powers conferred by this Article shall be deemed and held to be the performance of an essential governmental function of the State of Maryland.

(b) Composition; appointment of members. The Authority shall consist of five members, to be appointed by the Governor of Maryland, with the advice and consent of the Senate.

(c) Qualifications of members. The members of the Authority shall be residents of the State of Maryland and shall be persons of