

respects for the benefit of the people of the State and of the District and is for a public purpose and that the Authority and the Board will be performing an essential governmental function. Accordingly, any and all real and personal property (both tangible and intangible) and any and all right, title and interest therein, gross receipts, gross or net income, purchases, sales, franchises, licenses, operations, activities and functions, owned or controlled, or received, or made, or performed or carried on, by the Authority shall be and remain totally exempt from any and all taxes, assessments, charges and fees of every kind, now or hereafter in effect, imposed, levied or made by the State of Maryland or any political subdivision, or any agency or instrumentality of any of them.

~~50.~~ 49. *Liability for contracts and torts.*

The Authority shall be liable for its contracts and for its torts and those of its Directors, officers, employees and agents in connection with the performance of the duties and functions imposed in this Article. The exclusive remedy for such breach of contracts and torts shall be by suit against the Authority. No execution, however, shall be levied on any property of the Authority or the State of Maryland.

~~51.~~ 50. *District and Authority are not municipalities.*

The term "municipal corporation" in Article XI-E of the Constitution of Maryland does not embrace or include the District or the Authority. The District and the Authority cannot be classified in any group of municipal corporations as required by said Article XI-E and that Article has no application to the District or the Authority.

~~52.~~ 51. *Act liberally construed.*

This Act, by necessity for the welfare of the State and its inhabitants, shall be liberally construed to effect the purposes thereof.

~~53.~~ 52. *Severability.*

If any part or parts, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance, is for any reason declared unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Act which shall remain in force as if such Act had been passed with the unconstitutional part or parts, section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or such applications thereto eliminated; and the General Assembly hereby declares that it would have passed this Act if such unconstitutional part or parts, section, subsections, sentence, clause or phrase had not been included herein or if such application had not been made.

SEC. 3. And be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That new Sections ~~56A, 69A, 75A and 88A~~ 56A, 56B, 56C, 69A, 75A, 88A AND 88B, be and they are hereby added to Article 78 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Public Service Commission Law," to follow respectively immediately after Sections 56, 69, 75 and 88 thereof, and all to read as follows: