

the provisions of Section 9(a) of the Act of Congress approved May 13, 1946, being a Public Law 377, 79th Congress, known and hereinafter designated as the "Federal Airport Act," or any amendment thereof, or any other act of Congress unless the project has been first approved by the [Commission] *Secretary of Transportation of Maryland*. No such municipality shall directly accept, receive, receipt for, or disburse any funds granted by the United States under the Federal Airport Act, but it shall designate the [Commission] *Administration* as its agent and in its behalf to accept, receive, receipt for and disburse such funds. *Such funds shall be exempt from the provisions of Article 94A, Section 11, of this Code.* It shall enter into an agreement with the [Commission] *Administration* prescribing the terms and conditions of such agency in accordance with federal laws, rules and regulations and applicable laws of this State. Provided, however, that nothing contained in this paragraph shall be taken or construed to prevent any municipality, which has an aviation commission or authority in existence at the time this article is passed, OR FRIENDSHIP INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY, engaging in the building constructing, operating or maintaining of any airport or air navigation facility from applying for, accepting, receiving, receipting for and disbursing any funds granted by the United States under the Federal Airport Act, or other act of Congress, upon such terms and conditions as are or may be prescribed by the laws of the United States and any rules or regulations made thereunder.

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(a) Establishment operation and maintenance.—The [Commission] *Administration, with the approval of the Secretary of Transportation, is authorized on behalf of and in the name of the State,* out of [appropriations and other] funds available for such purposes *under the provisions of Article 94A of this Code,* to plan, establish, construct, enlarge, improve, maintain, equip, operate, regulate, protect, and police airports and air navigation facilities, either within or without the State, including the construction, installation, equipment, maintenance and operation at such airports of buildings and other facilities for the servicing of aircraft or for the comfort and accommodation of air travelers. For such purposes the [Commission] *Administration, with the approval of the Secretary of Transportation,* may, by purchase, gift, devise, lease, condemnation or otherwise, acquire property, real or personal, or any interest therein including easement in airport hazards or land outside the boundaries of an airport or airport site, as are necessary to permit safe and efficient operation of the airports or to permit the removal, elimination, obstruction-marking or obstruction-lighting of airport hazards, or to prevent the establishment of airport hazards. In like manner the [Commission] *Administration* may acquire existing airports and air navigation facilities [, provided, however, it shall not acquire or take over any airport or air navigation facility owned or controlled by a municipality of this or any other state without the consent of such municipality]. The [Commission] *Administration, with the approval of the Secretary of Transportation,* may by sale, lease, or otherwise, dispose of any such property, airport, air navigation facility, or portion thereof or interest therein. Such disposal by sale, lease, or otherwise, shall be in accordance with the laws of this State governing the disposition of other property