

HEREIN SHALL IMPAIR OR ABROGATE THE POWER OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND TO PURCHASE OR CONDEMN FRIENDSHIP INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

24. *Article to be liberally construed.*

This article, being necessary for the welfare of the State and its inhabitants, shall be liberally construed to effect the purposes thereof.

25. *Severability.*

The provisions of this article are severable, and if any of its provisions shall be held unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, the decision of such court shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That any person or persons who are members of the Maryland Airport Authority as of June 30, 1970, shall not continue as members of the Friendship International Airport Authority unless reappointed to the Friendship International Airport Authority on or after July 1, 1970, in accordance with Section 3 of this article.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That as of the date the Authority assumes operation and control of Friendship International Airport, all full time employees of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore who have been for a period of six (6) months or more immediately preceding regularly employed by the City at the Airport shall be transferred to the employment of the Authority herein created, without further examination or qualification by the Authority Employment Commission created by Section 5 (o) of this Act. Thereafter, their employment shall be subject to such rules and regulations as may be established by the said Commission. **PROVIDED FURTHER, THAT ANY AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE CITY AND ANY LABOR GROUP REPRESENTATIVE OF EMPLOYEES AT THE AIRPORT WHICH IS IN EXISTENCE AT THE TIME THE AUTHORITY ASSUMES OPERATION OF THE AIRPORT SHALL BECOME THE OBLIGATION OF THE AUTHORITY.**

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That the creation of the Authority and the carrying out of the corporate purposes of the Authority is in all respects for the benefit of the people of the State and is for a public purpose. 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.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1970.

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