

*with the department providing for the establishment and protection of the trail. The Appalachian Trail shall be held, developed, and administered primarily as a footpath and the natural scenic beauty thereof shall be preserved insofar as is practicable, but the department may permit other uses of the trail and land acquired hereunder, by the owner of adjoining land or others, in a manner and at seasons as will not substantially interfere with the primary use of the trail. Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit the right of the public to pass over existing public roads which are part of the trail, or to prevent the department from performing work necessary for the purpose of forest fire prevention and control, insect pest and disease control, and the removal of damage caused by natural disaster. The department may grant temporary or permanent rights of way across lands acquired under this section under terms and conditions deemed advisable. The department may enter into cooperative agreements with agencies of the federal government or with private organizations to provide for the maintenance of the trail. No person who has granted a right of way for the trail across his land, or his successor in title, shall be liable to any user of the trail for injuries suffered on this portion of the trail unless the same are caused by his willful or wanton misconduct.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1970.*

Approved May 5, 1970

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CHAPTER 542

(Senate Bill 88)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 181A of Article 41 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume), title "Governor—Executive and Administrative Departments," subtitle "Maryland Historical Trust," providing that the words "property" and "properties" in the laws concerning the Maryland Historical Trust include scenic, architectural, or facade easements on buildings or structures and thereby granting certain powers to the Maryland Historical Trust with respect to scenic, architectural, or facade easements.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 181A of Article 41 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume), title "Governor—Executive and Administrative Department DEPARTMENTS," subtitle "Maryland Historical Trust," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:*

181A.

The Maryland Historical Trust is hereby created for the purpose of preserving and maintaining historical, aesthetic and cultural properties, buildings, fixtures, furnishings, and appurtenances pertaining in any way to the province and State of Maryland from earliest times, to encourage others to do so and to promote interest