

(F) *CONSERVATION.*

(1) THE SECRETARY SHALL CONDUCT RESEARCH ON THE ENDANGERED SPECIES OF THIS STATE, AND HE SHALL UTILIZE THE LAND ACQUISITION AND OTHER AUTHORITIES VESTED IN HIS OFFICE TO CARRY OUT A PROGRAM IN MARYLAND FOR CONSERVING, PROTECTING, RESTORING, AND PROPAGATING SELECTED STATE ENDANGERED SPECIES. IN ADDITION TO THE LAND ACQUISITION AUTHORITIES VESTED IN HIS OFFICE, THE SECRETARY IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO ACQUIRE BY PURCHASE, DONATION OR OTHERWISE, LANDS OR INTERESTS THEREIN NEEDED TO CARRY OUT THE PURPOSES OF THIS ACT RELATING TO THE CONSERVATION, PROTECTION, RESTORATION AND PROPAGATION OF SELECTED STATE ENDANGERED SPECIES.

(2) THE GOVERNOR SHALL REVIEW OTHER PROGRAMS ADMINISTERED BY HIM AND, TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, UTILIZE SUCH PROGRAMS IN FURTHERANCE OF THE PURPOSES OF THIS ACT. THE GOVERNOR SHALL ALSO ENCOURAGE OTHER STATE AND FEDERAL AGENCIES TO UTILIZE THEIR AUTHORITIES IN FURTHERANCE OF THE PURPOSES OF THIS ACT.

(3) IN CARRYING OUT THE PROGRAMS AUTHORIZED BY THIS ACT, THE SECRETARY SHALL COOPERATE TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, WITH OTHER STATES, AND WITH COUNTIES WITHIN THE STATE OF MARYLAND, AND HE MAY ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS WITH THE COUNTIES FOR THE ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT OF ANY AREA ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS PROGRAM FOR THE CONSERVATION OF THE STATE'S ENDANGERED SPECIES.

(G) *MISCELLANEOUS.*

NONE OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO APPLY RETROACTIVELY OR TO PROHIBIT ENTRY INTO THE STATE OF MARYLAND OF FISH AND WILDLIFE WHICH MAY BE LAWFULLY IMPORTED INTO THE UNITED STATES OR TAKEN OR REMOVED FROM ANOTHER STATE; *PROVIDED THAT*, THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL NOT BE CONSTRUED TO PERMIT THE TAKING AND REMOVAL FROM ANOTHER STATE INTO THIS STATE OF FISH AND WILDLIFE ON THE FEDERAL ENDANGERED SPECIES LISTS.

SEC. 2. *AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED*, THAT IF ANY PROVISION OF THIS ACT OR THE APPLICATION THEREOF TO ANY PERSON OR CIRCUMSTANCE IS HELD INVALID FOR ANY REASON, THE INVALIDITY SHALL NOT AFFECT THE OTHER PROVISIONS OR ANY OTHER APPLICATION OF THIS ACT WHICH CAN BE GIVEN EFFECT WITHOUT THE INVALID PROVISIONS OR APPLICATION, AND TO THIS END ALL THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT ARE DECLARED TO BE SEVERABLE.