

Volume and 1970 Supplement), title "Governor—Executive and Administrative Departments," subtitle "The Executive Department," subheading "Maryland Historical Trust," be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

181A.

The Maryland Historical Trust is hereby created *as an instrumentality of the State of Maryland* AS PART OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT 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 in and study of such matters. As used in this subtitle, the words "property" and "properties" include scenic, architectural, or facade easements on buildings or structures.

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(b) To acquire, preserve and maintain historic, 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 and develop an educational program to arouse and maintain public interest in historic sites and areas. *In order to carry out these purposes more effectively, to prepare and adopt a comprehensive state-wide historic preservation plan, and to obtain financial assistance, the trustees may accept and receive funds, grants, and services from the federal government or its agencies, from departments, agencies and instrumentalities of state or local government, or from private civic sources.*

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(c) To acquire and hold real and personal property of historic, aesthetic or cultural significance, by gift, purchase, devise, bequest, or by any other means, *with the approval of the Board of Public Works or its designee prior to the acquisition*, and to preserve and administer in such properties; to charge reasonable admission fees to such properties and to determine which of such properties are deserving of State financial aid. In the acquisition of such properties, to acquire property adjacent thereto deemed necessary for the proper use and administration of historic, aesthetic or cultural property.

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(g) *To contract for services with*, cooperate with and *otherwise* assist, insofar as practicable, any agency of the State of Maryland or any of its political subdivisions, and any private agency or person in furtherance of the purpose of the Trust and to encourage individual and community plans and zoning ordinances relating to the restoration, preservation, alteration and/or development of designated sites and areas particularly within the provisions of Article 66B, Sections 38-50 of the Annotated Code of Maryland.