RETARY OF NATURAL RESOURCES TO BE OF SIGNIFICANT COMMERCIAL VALUE.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1972.

Approved May 26, 1972.

CHAPTER 569

(House Bill 962)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 244(a) of Article 41 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume), title "Governor—Executive and Administrative Departments," subtitle "24 Administrative Procedure Act," to exempt the State Accident Fund from the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act and to correct certain obsolete language therein.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 244(a) of Article 41 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume), title "Governor—Executive and Administrative Departments," subtitle "24 Administrative Procedure Act," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

244.

For the purpose of this subtitle:

(a) "Agency" means any State board, commission, department or officer authorized by law to make rules or to adjudicate contested cases, except those in the legislative or judicial branches, and except the Department of Parole and Probation, the State Industrial Accident Commission Workmen's Compensation Commission, the State Accident Fund, the State Insurance Department of Maryland, the Public Service Commission, the Employment Security Board and the State Tax Commission.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1972.

Approved May 26, 1972.

CHAPTER 570

(House Bill 963)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 2-3(a) (12), 3-4(b)(6), 3-18(a)(2), 4C-1(a), 9-2(c), 16-16(d), 17-3(a), 23-1(c), 23-11(b) and (c), 27-9(b) and 27-11 of Article 33 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, (1971 Replacement Volume and