

of any registered passenger motor vehicle and pickup truck not exceeding ~~one-half~~ *three-quarter* ton, beginning with the 1972-1973 registration year and accompanied with due proof that the owner is a bona fide member of a volunteer fire department, and upon payment of all fees required by this article, the ~~Department of Motor Vehicles~~ *Motor Vehicle Administration* shall issue special registration plates, subject to the rules and regulations of the ~~Department of Motor Vehicles~~ *Motor Vehicle Administration*.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety and having been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 11, 1972.

CHAPTER 72

(Senate Bill 801)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 19A (a) of Article 78A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Replacement Volume and 1971 Supplement), title "Public Works," subtitle "Department of General Services," to clarify the manner of acquisition of land by State agencies and to remove any question as to the validity of eminent domain proceedings brought in the name of certain State agencies and not in the name of the Secretary of General Services and generally relating to the acquisition of land by the State.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 19A (a) of Article 78A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Replacement Volume and 1971 Supplement), title "Public Works," subtitle "Department of General Services," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

19A. Land Acquisition Division.

(a) There shall be a Land Acquisition Division under the Department of General Services. Land for all public improvements within the meaning of Section 20 of this subtitle, including those State projects funded under the "Outdoor Recreation Land Loan of 1969" or "Program Open Space" shall be ~~acquired~~ *negotiated* exclusively by this Division; and all STATE acquisitions shall be made in the name of the using State agency or in the name of the principal department of the State government of which the using agency is a constituent part. The Land Acquisition Division ~~is~~ charged with the sole responsibility to acquire land for State projects funded under the "Outdoor Recreation Land Loan of 1969" or "Program Open Space," and ~~has~~ no responsibility for local projects or for developing the acquired land. Development of land acquired under "Program Open Space" is the responsibility of the managing State