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(a) There shall be a Land Acquisition Division under the Department of General Services. Land for all public improvements within the meaning of § 20 of this subtitle, including those State projects funded under the "Outdoor Recreation Land Loan of 1969" or "Program Open Space" shall be 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 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 agencies. ~~ANY EXISTING STRUCTURE, VALUED NOT IN EXCESS OF \$1,000, OR PROPERTY ACQUIRED UNDER THE "PROGRAM OPEN SPACE", MAY BE SOLD BY THE DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES WITHOUT REGARD TO ANY LAW OR RULE OF COURT. NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 15 OF THIS ARTICLE, THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES MAY DISPOSE OF ANY EXISTING STRUCTURE, VALUED NOT IN EXCESS OF \$2,500, ON ANY PROPERTY ACQUIRED BY THE STATE OF MARYLAND FOR THE USE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, AFTER PUBLIC NOTICE IN ANY NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION IN THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE PROPERTY IS LOCATED. THE PROCEEDS OF THE SALE SHALL BE PAID TO THE NATURAL RESOURCES PROPERTY MAINTENANCE FUND.~~ All eminent domain proceedings filed by the State of Maryland in the name of a director or secretary and now pending in the courts of the State shall be valid, legal and effective without the necessity of joining the Secretary of General Services as a party to each proceeding.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That new Section 5-909 be and it is hereby added to Article - Natural Resources, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1974 Volume and 1976 Supplement) to be read as follows:

Article - Natural Resources

5-909.

THE NATURAL RESOURCES PROPERTY MAINTENANCE FUND IS CREATED WITH IN THE DEPARTMENT TO BE USED FOR THE MAINTENANCE, REPAIR, AND MANAGEMENT OF PROPERTY OWNED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

SECTION 2 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1977.

Approved May 26, 1977.