

(2) The construction, operation, and maintenance of wholesale markets, and in particular a [single] consolidated market for the Greater Baltimore Region, as defined herein, would require the expenditure of a large sum of money; the financial systems of the political subdivisions of the Greater Baltimore Region are not designed to handle projects of this type on a nonprofit, self-liquidating basis, and the best method of distributing responsibility for this problem and of achieving the creation of a market is to create and empower a market authority as a public corporation, the function of which would be to acquire land for and to construct and operate such a market; and to aid and assist in the making of loans and otherwise those persons engaged in the wholesale food industry who wish to locate in such market.

(4) It is desirable and in the public interest that these conditions be eliminated and corrected and that an economical and modern method of marketing wholesale food in the State of Maryland be established by the construction of a modern, sanitary, and accessible market, [including] THAT MAY INCLUDE:

(I) warehouse facilities used by wholesalers or retailers principally engaged in the sale of food and used for storage of food and beverages and such nonfood products as may be sold from time to time in connection with the sale of food at retail[, and including parking]; and

(II) ANY [other] ancillary OR OTHER APPURTENANT facilities [as may be deemed necessary or advisable to the overall success of the market.] THAT THE AUTHORITY DETERMINES TO BE ADVISABLE IN ORDER TO ENHANCE THE PUBLIC CONVENIENCE OR PUBLIC ATTRACTIVENESS OF THE MARKET, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO PARKING OR OTHER TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES, RESTAURANTS, SHOPS, STORES, BANKS, OR OTHER COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISES GENERALLY.

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(a) A body corporate and politic, to be known as "The Maryland [Wholesale] Food Center Authority" is created to be an instrumentality of the State of Maryland and a public corporation by that name, style and title. It may contract and be contracted with, sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, and complain and defend in all courts of law and equity.

413.

As used in this subtitle, the words and terms listed in this section and used in their place have the meaning indicated unless the context shall indicate another or different meaning or intent.