

Commission on Artistic Property accordingly; and generally relating to the Government House Trust.

BY adding to

Article 41 - Governor - Executive and Administrative Departments
Section 408A to be under the new subtitle "38A The Government House Trust"
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1978 Replacement Volume and 1979 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 78A - Public Works
Section 52(e) and (f)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1975 Replacement Volume and 1979 Supplement)

Preamble

WHEREAS, Government House, the official residence of the Governor, holds a significant place in the artistic heritage of Maryland; and

~~WHEREAS, Over the course of the last 100 years an inconsistent, if not conflicting, variety of furnishings, paintings, and decorative arts have been acquired, at State expense, for the State rooms of Government House, and~~

WHEREAS, Government House holds the significant potential for providing its thousands of annual visitors, at no increased cost to the taxpayer, a unique opportunity to expand their knowledge of Maryland's rich history and the work of her artists and craftsmen, past and present; and

WHEREAS, The Governor and the First Lady have undertaken, with the technical assistance of the Maryland Historical Society and funding from nonpublic sources through the Friends of Government House, Inc., a unique and beneficial program for the renovation of the State rooms of Government House for such educational and cultural purposes; and

WHEREAS, The continued adequate funding of such renovations from nonpublic sources requires that the furnishing and decor of the State rooms of Government House be committed, in trust for the People of Maryland, to an authority which is independent of the personal preferences of any occupant of Government House; now, therefore,

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows: