any installment of a mortgage".

In both subsections (a)(1) and (b)(1) of this section, present references to an insured mortgage as insured "in whole or in part" are deleted as unnecessary.

In subsection (b)(1) of this section, the more objective phrase "and there is a vacancy" is substituted for the subjective and, therefore, less workable phrase "by reason of a vacancy". Also, the present clause "for the purpose of maintaining income ... and safeguarding the mortgage insurance fund" is deleted as unnecessary since it is but a statement of purpose and is nonsubstantive.

The term "mortgage payments" is defined in § 13-101(j) of this subtitle.

As to subsection (a)(1)(i) of this section, the General Assembly might consider whether this provision, by apparently denying the Authority of the power to make lump sum payments when necessary, is not an undue restriction on the flexibility required to protect its interests.

The only other changes are in style.

13-153. MORTGAGES ARE NEGOTIABLE AND LEGAL INVESTMENTS.

(A) IN GENERAL.

NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER LAW, MORTGAGE LOANS APPROVED BY THE AUTHORITY UNDER THIS SUBTITLE AND PARTICIPATIONS IN THEM:

(1) MAY BE NEGOTIABLE; AND

(2) TO THE EXTENT THAT THE MORTGAGE PAYMENTS ARE INSURED BY THE AUTHORITY, ARE LAWFUL INVESTMENTS FOR ALL BANKS, TRUST COMPANIES, SAVINGS BANKS, CREDIT UNIONS, SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATIONS, INVESTMENT COMPANIES, INSURANCE COMPANIES, PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES, GUARDIANS, CONSERVATORS, TRUSTEES, AND OTHER FIDUCIARIES, AND PENSION, RETIREMENT, AND PROFIT-SHARING FUNDS.

(B) INSURANCE AGREEMENT.

AS TO A MORTGAGE INSURED BY THE AUTHORITY, THE INSURANCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE AUTHORITY AND THE MORTGAGEE INURES TO THE BENEFIT OF ANY BUYER, ASSIGNEE, OR OTHER HOLDER TO WHOM THE MORTGAGE IS NEGOTIATED UNDER THIS SECTION.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived from Art. 41, § 266X.