THE AGENCY MAY HAVE, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE CLAIM IS IN TORT, CONTRACT, OR ADMIRALTY.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1981.

Approved May 12, 1981.

CHAPTER 430

(House Bill 1167)

AN ACT concerning

Public Works - State Employees

FOR the purpose of providing that the Board of Public Works may grant employees and members of a soil conservation district board of supervisors a sum to satisfy all or part of any settlement or judgment rendered by a court of competent jurisdiction against a State officer or State employee.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 78A - Public Works Section 16C Annotated Code of Maryland (1980 Replacement Volume)

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 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article 78A - Public Works

16C.

- (a) The General Assembly finds and declares that:
- (1) The State is a unique body because it is a sovereign political entity established directly by the people for the sole purpose of providing for their government and because its revenue sources are derived principally from taxes on the people rather than from commercial enterprise.
- (2) State officers and State employees, when acting within the scope of their public duties and responsibilities, are implementing governmental programs authorized by or pursuant to law. As a result, they also