WHEREAS, This storage capacity would allow the State to purchase oil in advance of the winter heating season and thus have a supply backup if the delivery or production of oil is suddenly disrupted; 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 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article - Natural Resouces

3-112-1- 11-103.

- (A) THE MARYLAND-EVIRONMENTAL-SERVICE DEPARTMENT-OF GENERAL-SERVICES MARYLAND ENERGY OFFICE SHALL ESTABLISH A PROGRAM FOR THE STORAGE OF HEATING OIL FOR STATE USE.
- (B) (1) THE SERVICE OFFICE, UPON APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET, SHALL PURCHASE-STORAGE-FACILITIES-FOR-HEATING-OIL-OR LEASE STORAGE SPACE IN OIL TANK FARMS.
- (2) THE SERVICE OFFICE SHALL CONSIDER THE MOST ECONOMICAL AND EFFICIENT ALTERNATIVE AVAILABLE.
- (C) THE SERVICE OFFICE MAY SUBLEASE EXCESS STORAGE CAPACITY, NOT SET AS $\overline{\text{IDE}}$ FOR STATE USE, $\overline{\text{TO}}$ -SMALL-INNER-CITY JOBBERS.
- (D) STATE AGENCIES SHALL MEET THEIR HEATING OIL REQUIREMENTS, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT POSSIBLE, THROUGH THESE FACILITIES.
- SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1981.

Approved May 19, 1981.

CHAPTER 690

(House Bill 1465)

AN ACT concerning

The General Construction Loans of 1975, 1979 and, the Maryland State Budget for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1980, and the Oxon Hill Manor Loan of 1978

FOR the purpose of further suspending the provisions of Section 10 of Chapter 886 of the Acts of 1975, previously suspended by Section 6 of Chapter 671 of the