

(M) FACILITY USER. - "FACILITY USER" MEANS ANY FACILITY USER WITHIN THE MEANING INDICATED IN THE MARYLAND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REVENUE BOND ACT.

(N) FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE. - "FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE" MEANS ANY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY THE AUTHORITY UNDER § 13-129, § 13-131, OR § 13-138 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(O) MUNICIPALITY. - "MUNICIPALITY" MEANS A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE XI-E OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE.

(P) PROPERTY. - "PROPERTY" MEANS ANY REAL PROPERTY OR PERSONAL PROPERTY.

(Q) PUBLIC BODY. - "PUBLIC BODY" MEANS ANY PUBLIC BODY WITHIN THE MEANING INDICATED IN THE MARYLAND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REVENUE BOND ACT OR THE MARYLAND ENERGY FINANCING ADMINISTRATION.

(R) PUBLIC PORT. - "PUBLIC PORT" MEANS ANY PUBLIC PORT WITHIN THE MEANING INDICATED IN THE MARYLAND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REVENUE BOND ACT.

(S) RETAIL ESTABLISHMENT. - "RETAIL ESTABLISHMENT" MEANS ANY ESTABLISHMENT SELLING GOODS OR SERVICES TO THE ULTIMATE USER OR CONSUMER OF THOSE GOODS OR SERVICES, NOT FOR THE PURPOSE OF RESALE, BUT FOR THAT USER'S OR CONSUMER'S PERSONAL RATHER THAN BUSINESS USE.

(T) SECRETARY. - "SECRETARY" MEANS THE SECRETARY OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.

(U) TRANSACTION. - "TRANSACTION" MEANS ANY TRANSACTION WITH RESPECT TO WHICH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS OR WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE AUTHORITY UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

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(A) LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS. - THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAKES THE FOLLOWING FINDINGS:

(1) CONDITIONS OF UNEMPLOYMENT EXIST IN MANY AREAS OF THE STATE;

(2) THE ACQUISITION OF NEW FACILITIES AND EXISTING FACILITIES IS ESSENTIAL TO RELIEVE THIS UNEMPLOYMENT AND TO ESTABLISH A BALANCED ECONOMY WITHIN THE STATE;

(3) THE PRESENT AND PROSPECTIVE HEALTH, HAPPINESS, SAFETY, RIGHT OF GAINFUL EMPLOYMENT, AND GENERAL WELFARE OF THE CITIZENS OF EACH OF THE COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES OF THE STATE WILL BE PROMOTED BY THE ACQUISITION OF FACILITIES;