any of the terms of said mortgage, and (4) that the Northern Central Railway Company shall obligate itself in writing to apply the proceeds of any such sale or sales to improvement of the remainder of the mortgaged property. The Board of Public Works shall accept as sufficient warrant for action hereunder a copy of a resolution of the board of directors of the Northern Central Railway Company or of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, lessee of the Northern Central Railway Company, certified by the secretary under the seal of the company, stating any facts in this section required to be established as a condition of such release or releases, accompanied by a sworn certificate to the like effect of the president or a vice-president of the Northern Central Railway Company, or of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, its lessee.]

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1996.

Approved May 14, 1996.

## **CHAPTER 435**

(House Bill 184)

AN ACT concerning

## Mechanic's Lien - Building Construction or Improvement Costs

FOR the purpose of establishing altering the amount of certain building construction or improvement costs at the lesser of certain amounts for determining whether certain property is subject to the establishment of a lien; and generally relating to the establishment of a lien for certain construction projects.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Real Property

Section 9-102(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1996 Replacement Volume)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

## Article - Real Property

9-102.

(a) Every building erected and every building repaired, rebuilt, or improved to the extent of THE LESSER OF [25] 20 15 percent of its value OR \$100,000 is subject to establishment of a lien in accordance with this subtitle for the payment of all debts, without regard to the amount, contracted for work done for or about the building and for materials furnished for or about the building, including the drilling and installation of wells to supply water, the construction or installation of any swimming pool or fencing,