

relating to rates and charges of Authority facilities that are subject to bond resolutions or indentures; providing for the validity and enforceability of bonds issued prior to the effective date of this Act; clarifying that the Authority is authorized to pledge and assign revenues and security interests, and providing that a lien attaches immediately, without further action, to revenues or property pledged by the Authority; defining and, redefining, and deleting certain terms; making stylistic changes; and generally relating to the Maryland Food Center Authority.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 41 – Governor – Executive and Administrative Departments
 Section 13–102 through 13–105, 13–108 through 13–113, 13–115; and 13–117
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (1997 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

BY repealing

Article 41 – Governor – Executive and Administrative Departments
 Section 13–106
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (1997 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article 41 – Governor – Executive and Administrative Departments
 Section 13–122 and 13–123
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (1997 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

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

Article 41 – Governor – Executive and Administrative Departments

13–102.

The General Assembly of Maryland makes the following declarations as a statement of its legislative intent in the enactment of this subtitle:

(1) The marketing of food is a matter of public interest; the maintenance of wholesale market places is and has always been recognized as a public function; the vast quantities of food and related food products brought annually from all parts of the United States into the wholesale markets in the State are obliged to pass through market facilities which are obsolete and inadequate to meet present needs; the scattered locations and difficulty of access with respect to such markets constitute an economic loss; the obsolescence of these markets is responsible for much of the high cost of food handling and for the deterioration which takes place both within the wholesale markets and between the markets and the consumer's doorstep; modern consolidated facilities would result in an annual saving; there is need for a consolidated wholesale food market within the State; and in spite of this great need,