

FOR the purpose of increasing the maximum amount on certain types of loans made under the Maryland Industrial Land Act; and generally relating to the Maryland Industrial Land Act.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 83A – Department of Economic and Employment Development

Section 5-404, 5-406, and 5-409

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1988 Replacement Volume and 1990 Supplement)

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

**Article 83A – Department of Economic and Employment Development**

5-404.

(a) Any political subdivision of the State desiring to acquire land under this section shall make application for each project to the Secretary. The application shall describe the project in such manner and detail as the Secretary may, by regulation, determine, and shall include, without limitation: (i) a full description of the land and its characteristics; (ii) a complete statement as to why the land is particularly suited to industry, and what particular industry or industries it is best suited to; (iii) a statement of the likelihood of any particular industry or industrial concern being interested in the land in the near future; (iv) a description of the zoning, sanitary and other appropriate laws and regulations applicable to the land, and whether any changes therein are contemplated by the applicant; (v) whether the applicant has adopted or developed a general industrial land acquisition plan, and, if so, a complete description of the plan and how the project applied for relates to the plan; (vi) appraisals by two qualified appraisers approved by the Secretary of the current market value of the land; (vii) a description of employment and unemployment conditions in the subdivision and in the particular area in which the land is located, including the rate of unemployment, if available, and any anticipated developments which may affect the rate of unemployment in the near future; and (viii) whether there is a shortage of industrial land in the subdivision and in the particular area in which the land is located.

(b) The Secretary, upon receipt of an application and after such investigation as he deems advisable, may approve a loan of up to 100% of the current market value of the land as determined by him but not exceeding [\$750,000] \$1,250,000 for any one project. In judging whether or not to approve a loan and the amount of a loan, the Secretary shall consider and determine: (i) whether the project may reasonably be expected to attract industry and create new employment opportunities; (ii) the amount of benefit, in terms of economic development and employment opportunities which the project may reasonably be expected to generate in relation to such benefits which other projects applied for may reasonably be expected to generate, and in relation to the total funds available for lending; (iii) whether the project, as planned, will be in compliance with applicable