

REVISOR'S NOTE TO SECTION: Former Art. 83A, § 5-901(q), which defined "financial assistance", is deleted as unnecessary and to avoid confusion between references to financial assistance provided under this subtitle and financial assistance provided under other laws. Instead, throughout this subtitle, references to financial assistance "under this subtitle" are added as appropriate for clarity.

Former Art. 83A, § 5-901(x), which defined "property", is deleted as unnecessary, because it only reflected the common meaning of the term.

Former Art. 83A, § 5-901(w), which defined "municipality", is deleted as unnecessary. Throughout this subtitle, the term "municipal corporation" is substituted for the former defined term "municipality" to conform to Md. Constitution, Art. XI-E. See General Revisor's Note to article.

5-402. CONSTRUCTION OF SUBTITLE.

THIS SUBTITLE SHALL BE LIBERALLY CONSTRUED TO ACCOMPLISH ITS PURPOSES.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 83A, § 5-902(c).

5-403. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS; PURPOSES.

(A) FINDINGS.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS THAT:

- (1) UNEMPLOYMENT CONDITIONS EXIST IN MANY AREAS OF THE STATE;
- (2) THE ACQUISITION AND IMPROVEMENT OF FACILITIES ARE ESSENTIAL TO RELIEVE THIS UNEMPLOYMENT AND ESTABLISH A BALANCED ECONOMY IN THE STATE;
- (3) THE HEALTH, SAFETY, WELFARE, AND RIGHT OF GAINFUL EMPLOYMENT OF RESIDENTS THROUGHOUT THE STATE WILL BE PROMOTED BY THE ACQUISITION AND IMPROVEMENT OF FACILITIES;
- (4) THE CONTROL OR ABATEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION IN THE STATE, INCLUDING NOISE POLLUTION, IS NECESSARY TO:
 - (I) PROTECT THE HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELFARE OF THE RESIDENTS OF THE STATE;
 - (II) PROTECT NATURAL RESOURCES;
 - (III) RETAIN AND ATTRACT INDUSTRY AND COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISES;
- AND
- (IV) PROMOTE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT;
- (5) PUBLIC PORTS IN THE STATE ARE VALUABLE ASSETS AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS TO THESE PORTS THAT INCREASE THE IMPORT AND EXPORT OF WATERBORNE COMMERCE WILL DIRECTLY BENEFIT RESIDENTS THROUGHOUT THE STATE;
- (6) BUSINESSES NEED GREATER ACCESS TO CAPITAL MARKETS; AND