

(c) All materials and recorded information which are obtained in violation of the provisions of [§ 5-620] § 5-620 OR §§ 5-625 THROUGH 5-628 of this subtitle shall be subject to appropriation by the State, and will be managed, cared for, and administered by the Trust.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, in order to provide the Maryland Historical Trust with the necessary personnel, budget appropriation, equipment, and materials to carry out its responsibilities under this Act and other provisions of Article 83B, Title 5, Subtitle 6 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, all personnel, budget appropriation, equipment, and materials currently assigned to the Division of Archaeology of the Maryland Geological Survey within the Department of Natural Resources under §§ 2-301 through 2-310 and 5-1405 of the Natural Resources Article are transferred to the Maryland Historical Trust within the Department of Housing and Community Development, except for the personnel, budget appropriation, equipment, and materials directly associated with the studies performed for and by the State Highway Administration of the Department of Transportation.

SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That all personnel, budget appropriation, equipment, and materials currently assigned to or currently acquired under contract by the Division of Archaeology of the Maryland Geological Survey within the Department of Natural Resources that are directly associated with the studies performed for and by the State Highway Administration are transferred to the Department of Transportation, State Highway Administration. All persons whose positions are transferred pursuant to this section are hereby transferred without any change or loss of rights or status and they shall retain their merit system and retirement status.

SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That all persons who, as of the effective date of this Act, are classified or unclassified employees of the Department of Natural Resources and whose positions are transferred to the Maryland Historical Trust within the Department of Housing and Community Development by this Act are hereby transferred to the Maryland Historical Trust without any change or loss of rights or status and shall retain their merit system and retirement status. ~~Upon the promotion, retirement, termination, or resignation of each classified employee transferred pursuant to this Act, the position shall revert to and shall remain in unclassified status in accordance with Article 83B, § 5-609 of the Annotated Code of Maryland.~~

SECTION 7. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, except as expressly provided to the contrary in this Act, any transaction affected by or flowing from any statute here amended, repealed, or transferred, and validly entered into before the effective date of this Act and every right, duty, or interest flowing from it remains valid after the effective date and may be terminated, completed, consummated, or enforced pursuant to law.

SECTION 8. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, except as otherwise provided in this Act, all permits and licenses, applications for permits and licenses, rules and regulations, proposed rules and regulations, standards and guidelines, orders and other directives, forms, plans, memberships, special funds, appropriations, grants,