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(b) The words "Authority" or "Administration" shall mean the Maryland Port [Authority] Administration, created by [Section 3 of this article, or, if said Authority shall be abolished, the board, body or commission succeeding to the principal functions thereof or to which the powers given by this article to the Authority shall be given by law] Article 41, Section 207C, of this Code.

5.

(a) *Granted.*—The [Authority] Administration is hereby authorized and empowered:

(h) In the exercise of its powers and the performance of its duties under this article, to acquire, subject to the provisions of this article, and to hold in its own name, lease, convey or otherwise dispose of real and personal property of every kind and description, and any right, title, interest, franchise or privilege therein, including lands lying under water or any riparian rights in and adjacent to lands, and also including property which is already devoted to a public use in, adjoining or in the vicinity of the navigable waters within its territorial jurisdiction; *the acquisition by or on behalf of the Administration of personal property to be used outside of this State shall not be subject to the provisions of Article 41, Sections 231G through 231K, of this Code;*

(m) To make application for, receive and accept from any federal agency grants for or in aid of the planning, construction, operation or financing of any port facility, and to receive and accept contributions from any source of either money, property, labor or other things of value, to be held, used and applied for the purposes for which such grants and contributions may be made; *such grants shall be part of the Transportation Trust Fund established by Article 94A, Section 11, of this Code;*

(o) To employ consulting engineers, bond counsel, accountants, construction and financial experts, superintendents, traveling representatives, managers, clerks, stenographers, laborers, and such other agents and employees as may be necessary in its judgment; the employment, compensation and tenure of all fulltime employees, except the [executive director,] traveling representatives and such other key personnel as the Authority may determine, [with the approval of the Governor,] who require engineering, scientific or expert training and qualifications, shall be subject generally to the provisions and restrictions of Article 64A of the Annotated Code of Maryland, title "Merit System," and such fulltime employees, together with the [executive director,] traveling representatives and other key personnel, shall be subject also to the rights and benefits of Article 73B of said Code, title "Pensions"; [provided, however, that the power to set the salaries and compensation of all employees not covered by the provisions of said Article 64A shall be vested solely in the Authority and shall in no way be subject to the control or jurisdiction of the Standard Salary Board or of any other officer or agency;]

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(a) The [Authority] Administration, subject to the authority of the Secretary of Transportation and the Maryland Transporta-