

ARTICLE 62C

[MARYLAND] FRIENDSHIP INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
AUTHORITY1. *Legislative intent.*

(a) The General Assembly of Maryland makes the following declarations as a statement of its legislative intent in the enactment of this article.

(b) The Friendship International Airport which is owned and operated by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore is rendering a service to the entire State. Residents [of all] *from many* parts of the State benefit directly from the commerce which the Friendship International Airport attracts and services. Any improvement to this airport which increases its air passenger and air freight traffic, both domestic and foreign, will benefit the people of the entire State of Maryland. At the present time anticipated conditions under which the airport must operate because of the advance to be made in air transportation in the immediate future require a substantial financial investment to enable the airport to continue to grow along with the expansion of air traffic.

(c) The purpose of the General Assembly in enacting this article is to recognize the importance of Friendship International Airport to the State of Maryland [and the fact that the expense involved is beyond the ability of the City of Baltimore to provide the necessary financial investment] *as well as to the City of Baltimore.* Increased air carrier service may be attracted to this area by (1) developing new facilities and improving existing facilities to provide better and more effective handling of air passengers and air freight and also by (2) effectively advertising and promoting the facility and the use of the airport.

(d) The development of the airport to make it able to attract and increase the volume of air carrier traffic will require the construction of additional modern facilities and installations as well as the rehabilitation of existing facilities. [A public airport] *An authority [with the use of public funds] which could raise funds from the sale of revenue bonds* will be able to construct, rehabilitate, and [, if necessary,] operate such facilities and installations.

(e) [The development of Friendship International Airport to enable it to keep pace with the rapid technological advances in air transportation will also envision the necessity in the not-too-distant future of the acquisition or creation of satellite airports to enable the diverting of private air traffic from the commercial traffic arriving and departing from Friendship International Airport. The Authority created by this article will be able to satisfactorily cope with this future program.] *The development of Friendship International Airport could best be achieved by the combined efforts of the State of Maryland and the City of Baltimore in an Authority, in which both participate.*

(f) The best interests of *the City of Baltimore and the State of Maryland* include the need for effecting sound economies wherever possible, promoting efficient inter-connected air, sea and land transportation, utilizing available financial resources to accomplish [most] necessary projects, and planning effectively for future growth in air [, sea and land] transportation.