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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Department of Planning – Disposition of Real Property**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Planning to give certain notice to the
4 governing body of a certain jurisdiction regarding certain real property owned
5 by the State if a unit of State government expresses interest in the property
6 under certain circumstances; requiring the Department to include the response
7 of a certain jurisdiction to a proposed use of certain property by a unit of State
8 government under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the
9 disposition of real property owned by the State.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article – State Finance and Procurement
12 Section 5–310
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2009 Replacement Volume)

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

17 **Article – State Finance and Procurement**

18 5–310.

19 (a) Each unit of the State government shall notify the Department in writing
20 of:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike-out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 (1) any real property that is in excess of the needs of the unit; or

2 (2) any substantial change to any real property owned by the State.

3 (b) Subject to subsection (c) of this section, for any real property identified
4 under subsection (a) of this section, the Department shall:

5 (1) study the proper disposition of the property;

6 (2) determine whether any local government or unit of the State
7 government is interested in the property; [and]

8 **(3) IF A UNIT OF STATE GOVERNMENT EXPRESSES INTEREST IN**
9 **THE PROPERTY, NOTIFY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE JURISDICTION IN WHICH**
10 **THE PROPERTY IS LOCATED OF THE INTEREST IN, AND PROPOSED USE OF, THE**
11 **PROPERTY BY THE UNIT OF STATE GOVERNMENT; AND**

12 **[(3)] (4) make an appropriate recommendation to the using unit of**
13 **the State government and to the Board of Public Works, INCLUDING THE RESPONSE**
14 **OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE JURISDICTION IN WHICH THE PROPERTY IS**
15 **LOCATED TO A PROPOSED USE OF THE PROPERTY BY A UNIT OF STATE**
16 **GOVERNMENT.**

17 (c) (1) (i) Except as provided in subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph,
18 this subsection applies to the following categories of real property owned by the State
19 in fee simple:

20 1. property acquired with Program Open Space funds
21 under Title 5, Subtitle 9 of the Natural Resources Article;

22 2. property acquired with Rural Legacy Program funds
23 under Title 5, Subtitle 9A of the Natural Resources Article;

24 3. public park land and recreational areas acquired
25 under Title 5, Subtitle 10 of the Natural Resources Article;

26 4. wildland and open areas acquired under Title 5,
27 Subtitle 12 of the Natural Resources Article;

28 5. heritage conservation areas acquired with funds
29 under Title 5, Subtitle 15 of the Natural Resources Article;

30 6. forest conservation areas acquired under Title 5,
31 Subtitle 6 of the Natural Resources Article;

1 7. GreenPrint areas acquired under Title 5, Subtitle 15A
2 of the Natural Resources Article;

3 8. property identified in the most current public lands
4 acreage report published by the Department of Natural Resources that is classified
5 under designated land units or under undesignated land units within an agency or
6 program; and

7 9. outdoor recreation, open space, conservation,
8 preservation, park, or forest land property identified by the Department of Natural
9 Resources in regulation.

10 (ii) This subsection does not apply to property declared excess
11 for purposes of corrective disposal, including boundary or access corrections and minor
12 road improvements for public safety.

13 (2) When a unit notifies the Department under subsection (a) of this
14 section, the unit shall include with the notification:

15 (i) the history of the acquisition of the property;

16 (ii) the rationale for the acquisition provided to the Board of
17 Public Works at the time of the acquisition;

18 (iii) any future conservation plans for the property;

19 (iv) the environmental and ecological attributes of the property;

20 (v) the cultural and historical significance of the property;

21 (vi) the relationship of the property to surrounding and nearby
22 real properties;

23 (vii) the actual cost savings, if any, that the unit anticipates will
24 result from the disposal of the property;

25 (viii) any expected revenues that would be generated from the
26 disposal of the property; and

27 (ix) any other justification or basis that the unit relied on in its
28 determination that the property is in excess of its needs.

29 (3) The information provided under paragraph (2) of this subsection
30 shall be made available by the unit or the Department on request.

31 (4) After the Department receives notice from a unit under subsection
32 (a) of this section, the Department shall:

1 (i) notify:

2 1. the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, the
3 Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee, the House
4 Environmental Matters Committee, and the House Appropriations Committee by
5 electronic mail or facsimile and by first-class mail;

6 2. the General Assembly members who represent the
7 legislative district in which the property is located by electronic mail or facsimile and
8 by certified mail; and

9 3. owners of property adjacent to the property declared
10 excess:

11 A. in writing by first-class mail; and

12 B. if practicable, by posting public notification signs on
13 the property declared excess;

14 (ii) 1. hold a public hearing in the county or legislative
15 district in which the property is located within 14 days after receiving a request for a
16 hearing if:

17 A. within 14 days after the Department provides the
18 notice required under item (i) of this paragraph, the Department receives a request for
19 a public hearing from a person who received notice under item (i) of this paragraph or
20 who resides in the county in which the property is located; and

21 B. the property has an estimated value of over \$100,000;
22 or

23 2. if a public hearing is not required under item 1 of this
24 item, accept and consider written public comments on the declaration of the property
25 as excess;

26 (iii) in conjunction with the local governing body of the
27 jurisdiction in which the property is located, determine whether any proposed
28 disposition would conform to the local comprehensive plan; and

29 (iv) 1. consolidate all information received by and all
30 determinations made by the Department into a public record available on request; and

31 2. submit the record to the using unit.

1 (5) After review of the record created under paragraph (4) of this
2 subsection, the using unit may rescind the notice of excess property submitted under
3 subsection (a) of this section.

4 (6) If the using unit does not rescind the notice of excess property, the
5 Department shall:

6 (i) based on all of the information collected by the Department,
7 make an appropriate recommendation to the using unit and the Board of Public
8 Works; and

9 (ii) notify the persons identified under paragraph (4)(i)1 and 2 of
10 this subsection of the recommendation.

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
12 October 1, 2010.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.