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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Budget - Reductions of Appropriations**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the maximum reduction that the Governor can make to  
4 an appropriation in the State budget; requiring the Governor to present  
5 proposed reductions to the budget committees within a certain period of time  
6 before seeking approval of the Board of Public Works; and generally relating to  
7 the State budget and reductions of appropriations.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9 Article - State Finance and Procurement  
10 Section 7-213  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

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

15 **Article - State Finance and Procurement**

16 7-213.

17 (a) Except as provided in [subsection (b)] SUBSECTIONS (B) AND (C) of this  
18 section, with the approval of the Board of Public Works, the Governor may reduce, by  
19 not more than [25%] 10%, any appropriation:

20 (1) that the Governor considers unnecessary; or

21 (2) that is subject to budgetary reductions required under the budget bill  
22 as approved by the General Assembly.

23 (b) THE GOVERNOR SHALL PRESENT PROPOSED REDUCTIONS TO THE  
24 BUDGET COMMITTEES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT LEAST 1 WEEK BEFORE  
25 PRESENTING THE PROPOSED REDUCTIONS TO THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR  
26 APPROVAL.

1 (C) (1) The Governor may not reduce an appropriation to the Legislative  
2 Branch or the Judicial Branch of the State government.

3 (2) The Governor may not reduce an appropriation for:

4 (i) payment of the principal of or interest on the State debt;

5 (ii) public schools, including the Maryland School for the Deaf;

6 (iii) the Maryland School for the Blind; or

7 (iv) the salary of a public officer, during the term of office.

8 (3) Except as provided in § 8-109 of the State Personnel and Pensions  
9 Article, the Governor may not reduce an appropriation for the salary of any  
10 nontemporary employee in the State Personnel Management System.

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
12 July 1, 2005.