

# SENATE BILL 862

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By: **Senator Kasemeyer**

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Assigned to: Rules

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Park Service – Operations Revenue – Mandated Appropriation**

3 FOR the purpose of ratifying a certain provision of law that requires the Governor to  
4 include in the State budget an appropriation for the Maryland Park Service equal to  
5 a certain percentage of revenues attributable to Maryland Park Service operations;  
6 stating the intent of the General Assembly; and generally relating to funding of the  
7 Maryland Park Service.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

9 Article – Natural Resources

10 Section 5–212(g)

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Natural Resources**

16 5–212.

17 (g) (1) Subject to paragraph (3) of this subsection, the Fund may be used only  
18 for:

19 (i) 1. Purchasing and managing in the name of the State lands  
20 suitable for forest culture, reserves, watershed protection, State parks, scenic preserves,  
21 historic monuments, parkways, and State recreational reserves; and

22 2. Helping to offset the costs to the Forest and Park Service  
23 for developing and implementing a forest health emergency contingency program under §  
24 5–307 of this title;

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (ii) Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, payments to counties  
2 in the amount of:

3 1. If the State forest or park reserve comprises less than 10%  
4 of the total land area of the county, a sum equal to 15% of the revenue derived from the  
5 State forest or park reserve located in that county; and

6 2. If the State forest or park reserve comprises 10% or more  
7 of the total land area of the county, a sum equal to 25% of the revenue derived from the  
8 State forest or park reserve located in that county; and

9 (iii) Administrative costs calculated in accordance with § 1-103(b)(2)  
10 of this article.

11 (2) For fiscal years 2012 and 2013 only, the payments under paragraph  
12 (1)(ii) of this subsection shall be based only on the revenue derived from sales of timber.

13 (3) From revenues described in subsection (f) of this section that are  
14 attributable to Maryland Park Service operations, the Governor shall include in the State  
15 budget an appropriation for the Maryland Park Service equal to:

16 (i) At least 60% of the revenues, for fiscal year 2016;

17 (ii) At least 80% of the revenues, for fiscal year 2017; and

18 (iii) 100% of the revenues, for fiscal year 2018 and each fiscal year  
19 thereafter.

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the General  
21 Assembly in enacting this Act to ratify the amendments to § 5-212(g) of the Natural  
22 Resources Article, as enacted by Chapter 464 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2014.

23 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June  
24 1, 2015.