

HOUSE BILL 477

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CF SB 396

By: **Delegate Beitzel**

Introduced and read first time: January 27, 2017

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

Committee Report: Favorable

House action: Adopted

Read second time: March 13, 2017

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Natural Resources – Protection and Restoration of State–Owned Lakes**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the State Lakes Protection and Restoration Fund as a
4 special, nonlapsing fund; specifying the purpose of the Fund; requiring the Secretary
5 of Natural Resources to administer the Fund; requiring the State Treasurer to hold
6 the Fund and the Comptroller to account for the Fund; specifying the contents of the
7 Fund; specifying the purpose for which the Fund may be used; requiring interest
8 earnings of the Fund to be credited to the Fund; requiring the Department of Natural
9 Resources to develop a certain budget; requiring the Department to develop, in
10 coordination with local governments, organizations, and citizens, a certain annual
11 work plan; exempting the Fund from a certain provision of law requiring interest
12 earnings on State money to accrue to the General Fund of the State; defining a
13 certain term; and generally relating to the protection and restoration of State–owned
14 lakes.

15 BY adding to

16 Article – Natural Resources
17 Section 8–205 and 8–206
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

20 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

21 Article – State Finance and Procurement
22 Section 6–226(a)(2)(i)
23 Annotated Code of Maryland

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 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

2 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
3 Article – State Finance and Procurement
4 Section 6–226(a)(2)(ii)94. and 95.
5 Annotated Code of Maryland
6 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

7 BY adding to
8 Article – State Finance and Procurement
9 Section 6–226(a)(2)(ii)96.
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Natural Resources**

15 **8–205.**

16 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “FUND” MEANS THE STATE LAKES PROTECTION AND**
17 **RESTORATION FUND.**

18 **(B) THERE IS A STATE LAKES PROTECTION AND RESTORATION FUND.**

19 **(C) THE PURPOSE OF THE FUND IS TO PROTECT AND RESTORE**
20 **STATE-OWNED LAKES.**

21 **(D) THE SECRETARY SHALL ADMINISTER THE FUND.**

22 **(E) (1) THE FUND IS A SPECIAL, NONLAPSING FUND THAT IS NOT**
23 **SUBJECT TO § 7–302 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.**

24 **(2) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL HOLD THE FUND SEPARATELY,**
25 **AND THE COMPTROLLER SHALL ACCOUNT FOR THE FUND.**

26 **(F) THE FUND CONSISTS OF:**

27 **(1) MONEY APPROPRIATED IN THE STATE BUDGET TO THE FUND;**
28 **AND**

29 **(2) ANY OTHER MONEY FROM ANY OTHER SOURCE ACCEPTED FOR**
30 **THE BENEFIT OF THE FUND.**

1 **96. THE STATE LAKES PROTECTION AND RESTORATION**
2 **FUND.**

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
4 October 1, 2017.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.