

# SENATE BILL 2

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By: **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Planning)**

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Heritage Areas Authority – Revision of Boundaries and Boundary**  
3 **Maps**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the process by which the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority  
5 may amend or revise the boundaries of a recognized heritage area by allowing  
6 publication in the Maryland Register of a revised Uniform Resource Locator (URL)  
7 to a geographical information system file in addition to publication of a revised  
8 drawing or boundary description; requiring the Authority to send a copy of each  
9 boundary map for a recognized heritage area to the county clerk where the heritage  
10 area is located; repealing a provision of law requiring certain boundary maps to be  
11 kept on file at certain county clerks' offices; defining the term "geographical  
12 information system file"; and generally relating to the Maryland Heritage Areas  
13 Authority, heritage area boundaries, and boundary maps.

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
15 Article – Financial Institutions  
16 Section 13–1101 and 13–1110(d)  
17 Annotated Code of Maryland  
18 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

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

### Article – Financial Institutions

22 13–1101.

23 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (b) "Authority" means the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority established under  
2 § 13-1103 of this subtitle.

3 (c) "Bonds" means revenue bonds, including refunding bonds or revenue  
4 anticipation notes, issued by the Authority.

5 (d) "Certified heritage area" means a heritage area designated in accordance with  
6 § 13-1111 of this subtitle.

7 (e) "Fund" means the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority Financing Fund  
8 established under § 13-1114 of this subtitle.

9 (f) **"GEOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION SYSTEM FILE" MEANS A COMPUTER**  
10 **FILE THAT:**

11 **(1) CAPTURES, STORES, AND DISPLAYS VARIOUS TYPES OF SPATIAL**  
12 **AND ATTRIBUTE DATA ON A MAP;**

13 **(2) DEPICTS THE BOUNDARIES OF A RECOGNIZED HERITAGE AREA;**

14 **(3) INCLUDES THE DATE OF APPROVAL OF THE BOUNDARIES BY THE**  
15 **AUTHORITY; AND**

16 **(4) IS POSTED ON A WEB SITE HOSTED BY THE STATE.**

17 **(G)** "Heritage area" means a developed area of public and private uses that:

18 (1) Ranges in size from a portion of a county or municipal corporation to a  
19 regional area with a special coherence;

20 (2) Is distinguished by physical and cultural resources which have played  
21 a vital role in the historic life and development of the community and contribute to the  
22 public through interpretive, educational, and recreational use;

23 (3) Is composed of contiguous or noncontiguous geographic areas; and

24 (4) May include traditional parks and historic places or property on the  
25 national or State register of historic properties.

26 **[(g)] (H)** (1) "Local plan" means the policies, statements, goals, and  
27 interrelated plans for private and public land use, transportation, and community facilities  
28 documented in texts and maps which constitute the guide for the area's future development.

29 (2) "Local plan" includes a general plan, master plan, comprehensive plan,  
30 community plan, and the like as adopted in accordance with Title 1, Subtitle 4 or Title 3 of  
31 the Land Use Article.

1            [(h)] (I) “Management plan” means a document prepared in accordance with §  
2 13–1111 of this subtitle that includes a comprehensive statement in words, maps,  
3 illustrations, or other media of communication of the objectives, policies, and standards to  
4 guide public and private action for the preservation, interpretation, development, and use  
5 of the cultural, historic, natural, and architectural resources of a certified heritage area.

6            [(i)] (J) “Recognized heritage area” means a heritage area that:

7            (1) The local jurisdictions within the heritage area have nominated for  
8 designation as a recognized heritage area under § 13–1110 of this subtitle; and

9            (2) The Heritage Areas Authority has designated as eligible to apply for  
10 designation as a certified heritage area under § 13–1111 of this subtitle.

11           [(j)] (K) “Target investment zone” means a specific area:

12           (1) Located within a certified heritage area;

13           (2) Identified in a management plan approved by the Authority or through  
14 a process specified by the Authority; and

15           (3) Intended to attract significant private investment to the area in order  
16 to encourage demonstrable results and return on public investment within the area in a  
17 relatively short period of time.

18 13–1110.

19           (d) (1) The boundaries for each recognized heritage area are the boundaries  
20 depicted on the map accompanying each proposal as approved by the Authority.

21           (2) After initial approval by the Authority of the boundaries of a recognized  
22 heritage area, the Authority may amend or revise the boundaries:

23           (i) With the approval of all of the local jurisdictions where the  
24 property to be added or removed is located; and

25           (ii) On publication **IN THE MARYLAND REGISTER** of a revised  
26 drawing [or], boundary description [in the Maryland Register], **OR UNIFORM RESOURCE**  
27 **LOCATOR (URL) TO A GEOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION SYSTEM FILE.**

28           (3) Boundary maps for each recognized heritage area shall be kept on file  
29 at the Authority [and at].

30           (4) **THE AUTHORITY SHALL SEND A COPY OF EACH BOUNDARY MAP**  
31 **TO** the office of the county clerk where the recognized heritage area is located.

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