SENATE BILL 721

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By: **Senator Eckardt** Introduced and read first time: February 3, 2017 Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

Public Institutions of Higher Education – Events Held by Conservation Organizations

- FOR the purpose of authorizing a certain conservation organization to hold an event on the
 campus of certain public institutions of higher education, notwithstanding certain
 provisions of law, regulation, or policy; defining a certain term; and generally
 relating to events held at public institutions of higher education.
- 8 BY adding to
- 9 Article Education
- 10 Section 15–121
- 11 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 12 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)
- SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
- 15 Article Education
- 16 **15–121.**

17 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "CONSERVATION ORGANIZATION" MEANS A 18 QUALIFIED ORGANIZATION UNDER § 170(H)(3) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE 19 AND REGULATIONS ADOPTED UNDER § 170(H)(3).

(B) NOTWITHSTANDING A PROVISION OF LAW, REGULATION, OR POLICY
THAT PROHIBITS THE CARRYING OR POSSESSION OF A FIREARM ON THE CAMPUS OF
A PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION, A CONSERVATION ORGANIZATION
MAY HOLD AN EVENT ON THE CAMPUS OF A PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER



1 EDUCATION REGARDLESS OF WHETHER MEMBERS OF THE ORGANIZATION CARRY OR 2 POSSESS FIREARMS DURING THE EVENT.

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