

Chapter 279

**(House Bill 658)**

AN ACT concerning

**State House Trust – Duties – Landscaping and Construction of Lawyer’s Mall**

FOR the purpose of requiring the State House Trust to be responsible for the landscaping and construction of Lawyer’s Mall; requiring the Trust to disapprove or approve and supervise any proposed ~~repair~~, improvement, nonemergency repair, or other change to Lawyer’s Mall; providing that the Trust is not required under certain provisions of this Act to be responsible for, or disapprove or approve and supervise, the coordination, security, and scheduling of rallies and other events held on Lawyer’s Mall; and generally relating to the duties of the State House Trust.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article – State Government  
Section 9–505  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

**Article – State Government**

9–505.

**(A)** In addition to any duties set forth elsewhere, the Trust shall:

(1) be responsible for the restoration and preservation of the State House;

[and]

**(2) BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE LANDSCAPING AND CONSTRUCTION OF  
LAWYER’S MALL; AND**

**[(2)] (3)** disapprove or approve and supervise:

(i) any proposed repair, improvement, or other change to the State House or to any other building within State Circle, including any change to the furnishings or fixtures of those buildings; [and]

(ii) any proposed landscaping of the grounds of those buildings; **AND**

**(III) ANY PROPOSED ~~REPAIR~~, IMPROVEMENT, NONEMERGENCY REPAIR, OR OTHER CHANGE TO LAWYER'S MALL.**

**(B) THE TRUST IS NOT REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (A)(2) OR (3)(III) OF THIS SECTION TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR, OR DISAPPROVE OR APPROVE AND SUPERVISE, THE COORDINATION, SECURITY, AND SCHEDULING OF RALLIES AND OTHER EVENTS HELD ON LAWYER'S MALL.**

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2018.

**Approved by the Governor, April 24, 2018.**