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(Senate Bill 960)

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Historical Trust – Property Subject to Historic Preservation Easement – Application for Change or Alteration

FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Historical Trust to notify, within a certain period of time, a certain applicant of the decision of the Director of the Maryland Historical Trust on an application for the change or alteration of a property subject to a certain historic preservation easement; defining a certain term; and generally relating to properties subject to a historic preservation easement held by the Maryland Historical Trust.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments, Article – State Finance and Procurement Section 5A–301(a), (b), and (m) Annotated Code of Maryland (2015 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – State Finance and Procurement Section 5A–320 Annotated Code of Maryland (2015 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 Finance and Procurement

5A–301.

- (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.
- (b) "Director" means the Director of the Maryland Historical Trust.
- (m) "Trust" means the Maryland Historical Trust.

5A-320.

(A) IN THIS SECTION, "GENERAL REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE" MEANS WORK TO CORRECT DAMAGE FROM DETERIORATION OR WEAR AND TEAR OF A PROPERTY,

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INCLUDING MAINTENANCE, RECONSTRUCTION, REPAIR, REPAINTING, AND REFINISHING.

(B) IF AN APPLICATION FOR THE CHANGE OR ALTERATION TO A PROPERTY SUBJECT TO A HISTORIC PRESERVATION EASEMENT HELD BY THE TRUST IS FOR GENERAL REPAIR OR MAINTENANCE OF THE PROPERTY, THE TRUST SHALL NOTIFY THE APPLICANT OF THE DIRECTOR'S DECISION ON THE APPLICATION ON OR BEFORE THE EARLIER OF:

(1) THE EXPIRATION OF THE PERIOD OF TIME SPECIFIED IN THE EASEMENT DOCUMENTATION IN WHICH THE TRUST IS REQUIRED TO NOTIFY THE APPLICANT OF THE DIRECTOR'S DECISION; OR

(2) 60 90 DAYS <u>AFTER THE DATE THE APPLICATION OR ANY</u> <u>SUPPLEMENT TO AN APPLICATION IS SUBMITTED TO THE TRUST</u>.

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

Approved by the Governor, April 24, 2018.