
By: Garrett County and Allegany County Delegations

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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Forest or Park Reserve Fund - Distributions to Counties**

3 FOR the purpose of modifying provisions on the distribution of revenue from the Forest
4 or Park Reserve Fund to certain counties in which the State's forest or park reserve
5 comprises a specified percentage of land area by establishing a minimum
6 distribution based on the distribution in a specified fiscal year; and making stylistic
7 changes.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article - Natural Resources
10 Section 5-212
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (1989 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

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

15 **Article - Natural Resources**

16 5-212.

17 (A) There is a Forest or Park Reserve Fund in the Department.

18 (B) Any money obtained from the State forest reserves, State parks, scenic
19 reserves, parkways, historic monuments, and recreation areas, together with any fine
20 collected under § 5-1302 of this title, shall be paid into the Fund.

21 (C) (1) [Each] SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, EACH
22 county in which any State forest or park reserve is located shall be paid annually out of
23 the Fund 15 percent of the revenue derived from the State forest or park reserve located
24 in that county.

25 (2) Each county in which the forest or park reserve comprises 10 percent or
26 more of the total land area of that county shall be paid annually out of the Fund THE
27 GREATER OF:

28 (I) a sum equal to 25 percent of the revenues derived from the State
29 forest or park reserve located in that county; OR

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1 (II) THE AMOUNT PAID TO THAT COUNTY OUT OF THE FUND IN
2 FISCAL YEAR 1994.

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
4 July 1, 1996.