
By: Garrett County and Allegany County Delegations

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CHAPTER ____

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 forestor park reserve
5 comprises a specified percentage of land area by establishing a certain minimum
6 distribution ~~based on the distribution in a specified fiscal year~~ for certain counties;
7 and making stylistic 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

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1 the Fund 15 percent of the revenue derived from the State forest or park reserve located
2 in that county.

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

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

8 (II) ~~THE AMOUNT PAID TO THAT COUNTY OUT OF THE FUND IN~~
9 ~~FISCAL YEAR 1994 \$400,000 FOR GARRETT COUNTY AND \$100,000 FOR ALLEGANY~~
10 COUNTY.

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