

HOUSE BILL 917

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ENROLLED BILL

-- Environmental Matters/Budget and Taxation --

Introduced by **Delegates Rudolph, Hecht, B. Hughes, W. Baker, Holt,
Hutchins, McIntosh, and DeCarlo**

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this
____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, ____ M.

Speaker.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Natural Resources - Forest and Park Concession Account**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a Forest and Park Concession Account in the
4 Department of Natural Resources; requiring that certain money be deposited
5 into the Account; providing for certain payments out of the Account to certain
6 counties; specifying the uses of the Account; defining a certain term; and
7 generally relating to a Forest and Park Concession Account.

8 BY adding to
9 Article - Natural Resources
10 Section 5-212.1
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (1997 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

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Article - Natural Resources

2 5-212.1.

3 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION, "CONCESSION OPERATIONS" MEANS ACTIVITIES
4 WITHIN A STATE FOREST OR PARK THAT:

5 (I) RAISE REVENUE;

6 (II) FUNCTION UNDER A SEPARATE BUDGET SYSTEM; AND

7 (III) SUPPLEMENT THE OPERATION OF THE FACILITY WHERE IT IS
8 LOCATED.

9 (2) "CONCESSION OPERATIONS" ~~INCLUDE~~ INCLUDES:

10 (I) FOOD CONCESSIONS;

11 (II) BOAT RENTALS;

12 (III) GIFT SHOPS;

13 (IV) MARINE SALES;

14 (V) SNACK BARS; AND

15 (VI) CAMP STORES.

16 (B) THERE IS A FOREST AND PARK CONCESSION ACCOUNT IN THE
17 DEPARTMENT.

18 (C) ANY MONEY DERIVED FROM ~~THE FOREST AND PARK CONCESSION~~
19 OPERATIONS SHALL BE PAID INTO THE FOREST AND PARK CONCESSION ACCOUNT.

20 (D) EACH COUNTY IN WHICH ANY STATE FOREST OR PARK IS LOCATED SHALL
21 BE PAID ANNUALLY OUT OF THE FOREST AND PARK CONCESSION ACCOUNT:

22 (1) IF THE STATE FOREST OR PARK RESERVE COMPRISES LESS THAN
23 10% OF THE TOTAL LAND AREA OF THE COUNTY, A SUM EQUAL TO 15% OF THE NET
24 REVENUE DERIVED FROM CONCESSION OPERATIONS WITHIN A STATE FOREST OR
25 PARK LOCATED IN THAT COUNTY; AND

26 (2) IF THE STATE FOREST OR PARK RESERVE COMPRISES 10% OR MORE
27 OF THE TOTAL LAND AREA OF THE COUNTY, A SUM EQUAL TO 25% OF THE NET
28 REVENUE DERIVED FROM CONCESSION OPERATIONS WITHIN A STATE FOREST OR
29 PARK LOCATED IN THAT COUNTY.

30 ~~(D)~~ (E) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION, THE
31 FOREST AND PARK CONCESSION ACCOUNT SHALL BE USED ONLY FOR THE:

32 (1) MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF CONCESSION OPERATIONS; AND

1 (2) FUNCTION OF STATE FORESTS AND PARKS TO THE EXTENT OF THE
2 PROJECTED BALANCE OF THE ACCOUNT FROM THE PRIOR FISCAL YEAR.

3 (F) THE BUDGET SUBMITTED BY THE GOVERNOR TO THE GENERAL
4 ASSEMBLY SHALL INCLUDE THE REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES OF THE FOREST
5 AND PARK CONCESSION ACCOUNT IN THE SAME DETAIL AS OTHER SPECIAL FUND
6 ACCOUNTS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
8 October 1, 1998.