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A BILL ENTITLED

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; specifying the uses of the Account; defining a certain term; and  
6 generally relating to a Forest and Park Concession Account.

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

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

14 **Article - Natural Resources**

15 5-212.1.

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

18 (I) RAISE REVENUE;  
19 (II) FUNCTION UNDER A SEPARATE BUDGET SYSTEM; AND  
20 (III) SUPPLEMENT THE OPERATION OF THE FACILITY WHERE IT IS  
21 LOCATED.

22 (2) "CONCESSION OPERATIONS" INCLUDE:

23 (I) FOOD CONCESSIONS;  
24 (II) BOAT RENTALS;

- 1 (III) GIFT SHOPS;
- 2 (IV) MARINE SALES;
- 3 (V) SNACK BARS; AND
- 4 (VI) CAMP STORES.

5 (B) THERE IS A FOREST AND PARK CONCESSION ACCOUNT IN THE  
6 DEPARTMENT.

7 (C) ANY MONEY DERIVED FROM THE FOREST AND PARK CONCESSION  
8 OPERATIONS SHALL BE PAID INTO THE ACCOUNT.

9 (D) THE ACCOUNT SHALL BE USED ONLY FOR THE:

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

11 (2) FUNCTION OF STATE FORESTS AND PARKS TO THE EXTENT OF THE  
12 PROJECTED BALANCE OF THE ACCOUNT FROM

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