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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:

15 **Article - Natural Resources**

16 5-212.1.

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

19 (I) RAISE REVENUE;

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

1 (III) SUPPLEMENT THE OPERATION OF THE FACILITY WHERE IT IS
2 LOCATED.

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

4 (I) FOOD CONCESSIONS;

5 (II) BOAT RENTALS;

6 (III) GIFT SHOPS;

7 (IV) MARINE SALES;

8 (V) SNACK BARS; AND

9 (VI) CAMP STORES.

10 (B) THERE IS A FOREST AND PARK CONCESSION ACCOUNT IN THE
11 DEPARTMENT.

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

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

16 (1) IF THE STATE FOREST OR PARK RESERVE COMPRISES LESS THAN
17 10% OF THE TOTAL LAND AREA OF THE COUNTY, A SUM EQUAL TO 15% OF THE NET
18 REVENUE DERIVED FROM CONCESSION OPERATIONS WITHIN A STATE FOREST OR
19 PARK LOCATED IN THAT COUNTY; AND

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

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

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

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

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

