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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Commission on the Capital City**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the State Commission on the Capital City; providing
4 for the membership of the Commission; providing for the appointment, tenure,
5 and duties of members of the Commission; providing for the chairmanship of the
6 Commission; providing for the meeting times of the Commission; authorizing
7 the Commission to accept and give or spend certain moneys received from
8 certain sources; and generally relating to the State Commission on the Capital
9 City.

10 BY adding to

11 Article - State Government
12 Section 9-401 through 9-407, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 4.
13 Commission on the Capital City"
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (1995 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

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

18 **Article - State Government**

19 **SUBTITLE 4. COMMISSION ON THE CAPITAL CITY.**

20 9-401.

21 IN THIS SUBTITLE, "COMMISSION" MEANS THE STATE COMMISSION ON THE
22 CAPITAL CITY.

23 9-402.

24 THERE IS A STATE COMMISSION ON THE CAPITAL CITY.

25 9-403.

26 (A) THE COMMISSION CONSISTS OF:

1 (1) ONE INDIVIDUAL APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR; AND

2 (2) AS EX OFFICIO MEMBERS:

3 (I) THE GOVERNOR;

4 (II) THE STATE SENATOR WHO REPRESENTS THE DISTRICT IN
5 WHICH ANNAPOLIS IS LOCATED;

6 (III) THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY;

7 (IV) THE MAYOR OF ANNAPOLIS; AND

8 (V) THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE UNITED STATES NAVAL
9 ACADEMY.

10 (B) (1) THE TERM OF THE APPOINTED MEMBER IS 4 YEARS.

11 (2) AT THE END OF A TERM, THE APPOINTED MEMBER CONTINUES TO
12 SERVE UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED AND QUALIFIES.

13 (3) A MEMBER WHO IS APPOINTED AFTER A TERM HAS BEGUN SERVES
14 ONLY FOR THE REST OF THE TERM AND UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED AND
15 QUALIFIES.

16 9-404.

17 THE APPOINTED MEMBER SHALL SERVE AS CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMISSION.

18 9-405.

19 THE COMMISSION SHALL MEET AT A REGULAR TIME AND PLACE TO BE
20 DETERMINED BY THE COMMISSION.

21 9-406.

22 (A) (1) THE COMMISSION SHALL STUDY POSSIBLE WAYS TO PRESERVE AND
23 IMPROVE ANNAPOLIS AS THE CAPITAL OF THE STATE, WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS
24 ON THE LOCATION OF STATE OFFICES AND BUILDINGS AND COUNTY AND CITY
25 BUILDINGS.

26 (2) AS PART OF THESE STUDIES, THE COMMISSION MAY:

27 (I) INVENTORY CURRENT RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL, AND
28 GOVERNMENTAL USES OF LAND IN ANNAPOLIS AND ADJACENT AREAS;

29 (II) STUDY THE LANDMARK RESOURCES OF ANNAPOLIS AND
30 ADJACENT AREAS;

31 (III) STUDY THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE NEEDS OF
32 GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES AND THE RESOURCES OF THE COMMUNITY; AND

1 (IV) STUDY THE FISCAL IMPLICATIONS OF:

2 1. ANY PROGRAM THAT THE COMMISSION INVESTIGATES;

3 AND

4 2. ANY RECOMMENDATION THAT THE COMMISSION

5 SUPPORTS.

6 (B) THE COMMISSION MAY COOPERATE WITH PUBLIC AGENCIES TO:

7 (1) DEVELOP PLANS FOR THE PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT OF ANNAPOLIS
8 AND ADJACENT AREAS; AND

9 (2) ENSURE ADEQUATE ACCESS TO AND TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES
10 FOR ANNAPOLIS AND ADJACENT AREAS.

11 (C) THE COMMISSION MAY MAKE SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE
12 FOLLOWING COMMUNITY NEEDS OR PROJECTS IN ANNAPOLIS AND ADJACENT
13 AREAS:

14 (1) ARTERIAL HIGHWAYS;

15 (2) BUILDING CODES;

16 (3) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT;

17 (4) FEDERAL AND STATE ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS;

18 (5) HOUSING;

19 (6) INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL GROWTH;

20 (7) PARKING FACILITIES;

21 (8) SPACE FOR PUBLIC BUILDINGS;

22 (9) TRAFFIC CONTROL;

23 (10) URBAN RENEWAL; AND

24 (11) ANY OTHER COMMUNITY NEED OR PROJECT THAT THE COMMISSION
25 BELIEVES MAY IMPROVE:

26 (I) THE FACILITIES AND DEVELOPMENT OF ANNAPOLIS AND
27 ADJACENT AREAS; AND

28 (II) THE FACILITIES AND DEVELOPMENT OF ANY UNIT OF THE
29 STATE GOVERNMENT.

30 (D) (1) A STUDY OR RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMISSION IS ADVISORY
31 ONLY.

1 (2) THE COMMISSION MAY NOT REQUIRE OR COMPEL THE ADOPTION OR
2 IMPLEMENTATION OF ANY RECOMMENDATION.

3 9-407.

4 IN ADDITION TO ANY POWERS SET FORTH ELSEWHERE, THE COMMISSION:

5 (1) MAY ACCEPT MONEY FROM A PRIVATE OR PUBLIC AGENCY FOR USE
6 IN CARRYING OUT THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION; AND

7 (2) FOR THAT PURPOSE, MAY GIVE THE MONEY TO A PRIVATE OR PUBLIC
8 AGENCY OR OTHERWISE SPEND THE MONEY.

9 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
10 October 1, 1999.