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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

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.

1 9-402.

2 THERE IS A STATE COMMISSION ON THE CAPITAL CITY.

3 9-403.

4 (A) THE COMMISSION CONSISTS OF:

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

6 (2) AS EX OFFICIO MEMBERS:

7 (I) THE GOVERNOR;

8 (II) THE STATE SENATOR WHO REPRESENTS THE DISTRICT IN  
9 WHICH ANNAPOLIS IS LOCATED;

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

11 (IV) THE MAYOR OF ANNAPOLIS; AND

12 (V) THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE UNITED STATES NAVAL  
13 ACADEMY.

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

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

17 (3) A MEMBER WHO IS APPOINTED AFTER A TERM HAS BEGUN SERVES  
18 ONLY FOR THE REST OF THE TERM AND UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED AND  
19 QUALIFIES.

20 9-404.

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

22 9-405.

23 THE COMMISSION SHALL MEET AT A REGULAR TIME AND PLACE TO BE  
24 DETERMINED BY THE COMMISSION.

25 9-406.

26 (A) (1) THE COMMISSION SHALL STUDY POSSIBLE WAYS TO PRESERVE AND  
27 IMPROVE ANNAPOLIS AS THE CAPITAL OF THE STATE, WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS  
28 ON THE LOCATION OF STATE OFFICES AND BUILDINGS AND COUNTY AND CITY  
29 BUILDINGS.

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

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

3 (II) STUDY THE LANDMARK RESOURCES OF ANNAPOLIS AND  
4 ADJACENT AREAS;

5 (III) STUDY THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE NEEDS OF  
6 GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES AND THE RESOURCES OF THE COMMUNITY; AND

7 (IV) STUDY THE FISCAL IMPLICATIONS OF:

8 1. ANY PROGRAM THAT THE COMMISSION INVESTIGATES;  
9 AND

10 2. ANY RECOMMENDATION THAT THE COMMISSION  
11 SUPPORTS.

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

13 (1) DEVELOP PLANS FOR THE PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT OF ANNAPOLIS  
14 AND ADJACENT AREAS; AND

15 (2) ENSURE ADEQUATE ACCESS TO AND TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES  
16 FOR ANNAPOLIS AND ADJACENT AREAS.

17 (C) THE COMMISSION MAY MAKE SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE  
18 FOLLOWING COMMUNITY NEEDS OR PROJECTS IN ANNAPOLIS AND ADJACENT  
19 AREAS:

20 (1) ARTERIAL HIGHWAYS;

21 (2) BUILDING CODES;

22 (3) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT;

23 (4) FEDERAL AND STATE ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS;

24 (5) HOUSING;

25 (6) INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL GROWTH;

26 (7) PARKING FACILITIES;

27 (8) SPACE FOR PUBLIC BUILDINGS;

28 (9) TRAFFIC CONTROL;

29 (10) URBAN RENEWAL; AND

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

1 (I) THE FACILITIES AND DEVELOPMENT OF ANNAPOLIS AND  
2 ADJACENT AREAS; AND

3 (II) THE FACILITIES AND DEVELOPMENT OF ANY UNIT OF THE  
4 STATE GOVERNMENT.

5 (D) (1) A STUDY OR RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMISSION IS ADVISORY  
6 ONLY.

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

9 9-407.

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

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

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

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