

BY: Environmental Matters Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1183

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 5, after "Battlefield" insert "and set and charge fees based upon approximate costs to cover the cost of operating the Battlefield; providing that any excess revenue is to be remitted to the State general fund"; and in line 6, after "Act" insert "under certain circumstances"; and after line 14, insert:

"Preamble

WHEREAS, The South Mountain Battlefield Historic Tourism Initiative Task Force, which included representatives from the Central Maryland Heritage League, Friends of Washington Monument State Park, Friends of Gathland State Park, and the Catoctin Center for Regional Studies, has undertaken a thorough review of the feasibility of establishing the first Civil War State Battlefield in Maryland; and

WHEREAS, The Civil War was one of the defining events in United States history; and

WHEREAS, The Battle of South Mountain was the first battle of the Civil War fought on Maryland soil; and

WHEREAS, The Union showing at South Mountain and two days later at Antietam enabled President Lincoln to issue the preliminary Emancipation Proclamation; and

WHEREAS, The Task Force discovered that the State of Maryland owns 2,600 acres of land on South Mountain where the Battle was fought and has purchased conservation easements for an additional 1,400 acres of land relevant to the Battle of South Mountain; and

WHEREAS, The Civil War Sites Advisory Commission has designated South Mountain as a

(Over)

Priority I battlefield; and

WHEREAS, The Task Force report of January 19, 2000, strongly recommends that a State Battlefield be created at South Mountain; now, therefore,.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 10, strike "AS" and substitute "THAT:

(I);

in line 11, after "PARK" insert "; AND

(II) ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE OF THE BATTLEFIELD";

after line 11, insert:

"(3) (I) THE DEPARTMENT MAY SET AND CHARGE FEES BASED UPON THE APPROXIMATE COST OF OPERATING THE BATTLEFIELD TO COVER THE COST OF OPERATING THE BATTLEFIELD.

(II) ANY EXCESS REVENUE AT THE END OF A FISCAL YEAR SHALL BE REMITTED TO THE GENERAL FUND.";

and in line 17, after "(D)" insert "SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS,".