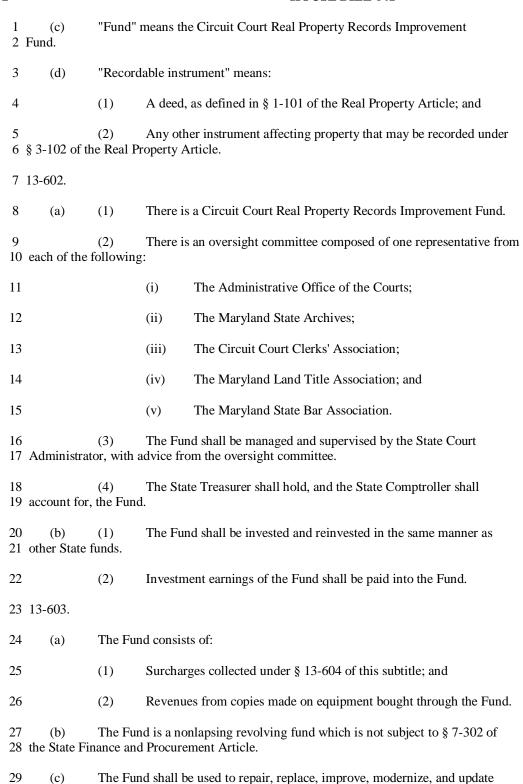
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By: Chairman, Appropriations Committee (Maryland Judicial Conference) Introduced and read first time: February 9, 2000 Assigned to: Appropriations  Committee Report: Favorable House action: Adopted Read second time: March 21, 2000	
1 AN	ACT concerning
2	Circuit Court Real Property Records Improvement Fund
3 FO	R the purpose of extending the termination date of provisions of law establishing and governing the Circuit Court Real Property Records Improvement Fund.
5 BY 6 7 8 9	repealing and reenacting, without amendments, Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings Section 13-601 through 13-606 Annotated Code of Maryland (1998 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)
10 BY 11 12 13 14	7 repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings Section 13-607 Annotated Code of Maryland (1998 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)
15 16 M	SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF ARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
17	Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings
18 13	-601.
19	(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.
20	(b) "Administrator" means the State Court Administrator.

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30 office equipment and equipment related services in the land records office of the clerk

- 1 of the circuit court for each county, as the Administrator considers appropriate, with 2 advice from the oversight committee.
- 3 (d) Expenditures under this section shall only be made pursuant to an
- 4 appropriation approved by the General Assembly in the annual State budget prior to
- 5 the expenditure or obligation of funds.
- 6 (e) The Fund shall be subject to an audit by the Office of Legislative Audits as 7 provided for in § 2-1220 of the State Government Article.
- 8 (f) Disbursements from the Fund shall supplement and may not be a
- 9 substitute for any funds designated in the State budget for office equipment and
- 10 services in the land records office of the clerk of the circuit court for each county.
- 11 13-604.
- 12 (a) The Administrator may establish a surcharge not to exceed \$5 for each
- 13 type of recordable instrument to be recorded among the land records and the
- 14 financing statement records.
- 15 (b) The surcharge shall be collected by the office of the clerk of the circuit 16 court for each county.
- 17 (c) The surcharge may not be charged to an entity that is exempt from the
- 18 payment of fees under § 3-603 of the Real Property Article.
- 19 (d) Receipts from the surcharge shall be placed in the Fund and used by the
- 20 Administrator for the purposes of the Fund.
- 21 13-605.
- The State Treasurer shall report to the Administrator annually:
- 23 (1) The status of the money invested under this subtitle; and
- 24 (2) The interest received from investments for the Fund during the
- 25 period covered by the report.
- 26 13-606.
- 27 The Administrator shall adopt rules necessary to carry out the purposes of this
- 28 subtitle.
- 29 13-607.
- This subtitle shall terminate and be of no effect after June 30, [2001] 2006.
- 31 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
- 32 effect October 1, 2000.