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Assigned to: Economic and Environmental Affairs and Budget and Taxation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Timber Sales and Other Revenues - State-Owned Lands - Percentage of**
3 **Proceeds to a County**

4 FOR the purpose of altering a certain criterion of percentage of State land ownership
5 used in determining certain payments by the Department of Natural Resources
6 to certain counties; requiring that the Department disburse certain percentages
7 of the proceeds from the sale of certain timber to the county from which the
8 timber was cut and removed; and generally relating to timber sales from
9 State-owned lands and the disbursal of proceeds.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article - Natural Resources
12 Section 5-212
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (1997 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

15 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
16 Article - Natural Resources
17 Section 10-804(b)
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (1990 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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

22 **Article - Natural Resources**

23 5-212.

24 (A) There is a Forest or Park Reserve Fund in the Department. Any money
25 obtained from the State forest reserves, State parks, scenic reserves, parkways,
26 historic monuments, and recreation areas, together with any fine collected under §
27 5-1302 of this title, shall be paid into the Fund.

1 (B) Each county in which any State forest or park reserve is located shall be
2 paid annually out of the Fund 15 percent of the revenue derived from the State forest
3 or park reserve located in that county.

4 (C) Each county in which [the forest or park reserve] STATE-OWNED LAND
5 comprises 10 percent or more of the total land area of that county shall be paid
6 annually out of the Fund a sum equal to 25 percent of the revenues derived from the
7 State forest or park reserve located in that county.

8 10-804.

9 (b) (1) The Department may cut and remove and sell or permit the cutting
10 and removing and selling of timber on lands to which title has been acquired by
11 purchase, gift, or otherwise.

12 (2) (I) THIS PARAGRAPH APPLIES ONLY TO LANDS ACQUIRED BY THE
13 DEPARTMENT ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 1999.

14 (II) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REMIT TO THE COUNTY FROM
15 WHICH THE TIMBER WAS CUT AND REMOVED THE PERCENTAGE OF THE NET
16 PROCEEDS OF THE SALE SPECIFIED IN § 5-212 OF THIS ARTICLE.

17 (3) The [net] REMAINDER OF THE NET proceeds from the timber shall
18 be deposited with the State Comptroller and placed to the credit of the State Wildlife
19 Management and Protection Fund.

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
21 October 1, 2000.