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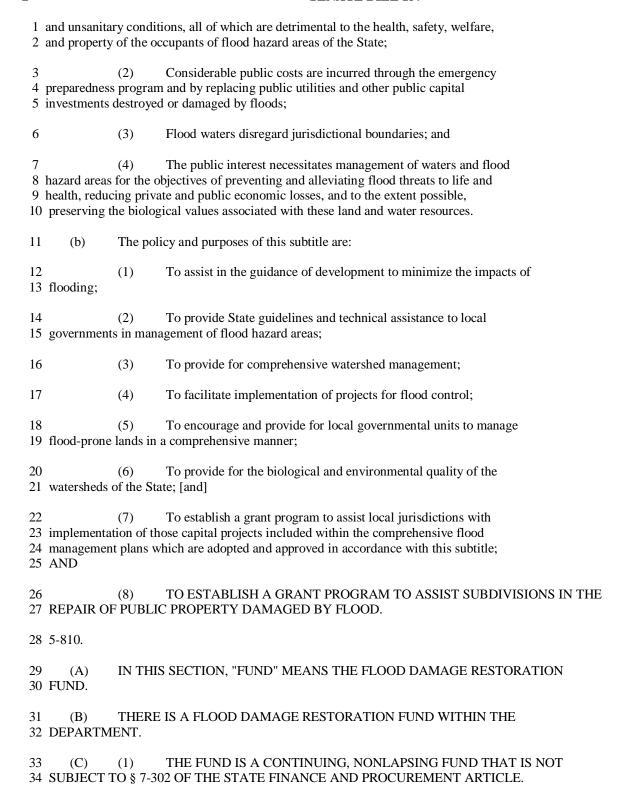
A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

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- 3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Flood Damage Restoration Fund; requiring the
- 4 Secretary of the Environment, in consultation with the Director of the Maryland
- 5 Emergency Management Agency, to award grants from the Fund to
- 6 subdivisions; requiring the Secretary of the Environment, in consultation with
- 7 the Director of the Maryland Emergency Management Agency, to establish
- 8 certain grant application procedures; authorizing subdivisions to apply for
- grants from the Fund to be used for certain purposes related to repair of certain
- property damaged by flood; requiring certain subdivisions to provide certain
- 11 matching funds; and generally relating to the Flood Damage Restoration Fund.
- 12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 13 Article Environment
- 14 Section 5-802
- 15 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 16 (1996 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)
- 17 BY adding to
- 18 Article Environment
- 19 Section 5-810
- 20 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 21 (1996 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)
- 22 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
- 23 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
- 24 Article Environment
- 25 5-802.
- 26 (a) The General Assembly finds and declares that:
- 27 (1) Recurrent flooding of a portion of the State's land resources causes
- 28 loss of life, damage to property, disruption of commerce and governmental services,

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- 1 (2) THE TREASURER SHALL SEPARATELY HOLD AND THE COMPTROLLER 2 SHALL ACCOUNT FOR THE FUND.
- 3 (3) THE TREASURER SHALL INVEST THE FUND IN THE SAME MANNER AS 4 OTHER STATE FUNDS AND CREDIT ANY INVESTMENT EARNINGS TO THE FUND.
- 5 (D) THE FUND CONSISTS OF:
- 6 (1) MONEYS APPROPRIATED IN THE STATE BUDGET TO THE FUND; AND
- 7 (2) EARNINGS FROM THE INVESTMENT OF MONEYS IN THE FUND.
- 8 (E) BEGINNING IN FISCAL 2003, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE 9 STATE BUDGET SUFFICIENT FUNDS TO BRING THE FUND TO A \$1,000,000 BALANCE AT 10 THE START OF EACH FISCAL YEAR.
- 11 (F) THE SECRETARY, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DIRECTOR OF THE
- 12 MARYLAND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY, SHALL AWARD GRANTS FROM THE
- 13 FUND TO SUBDIVISIONS TO CARRY OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.
- 14 (G) (1) SUBDIVISIONS MAY APPLY FOR GRANTS FROM THE FUND TO REPAIR 15 PUBLIC PROPERTY DAMAGED BY FLOOD.
- 16 (2) A SUBDIVISION THAT RECEIVES A GRANT FROM THE FUND MUST
- 17 PROVIDE AND EXPEND A MATCHING FUND EQUAL TO 25% OF THE AMOUNT OF THE
- 18 GRANT. NO PART OF THE MATCHING FUND MAY CONSIST OF REAL PROPERTY, IN
- 19 KIND CONTRIBUTIONS, OR FUNDS EXPENDED PRIOR TO THE AWARD OF THE GRANT.
- 20 (H) THE SECRETARY, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DIRECTOR OF THE
- 21 MARYLAND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY, SHALL ESTABLISH PROCEDURES
- 22 FOR SUBDIVISIONS TO APPLY FOR GRANTS FROM THE FUND.
- 23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
- 24 October 1, 2001.