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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Forest or Park Reserve Fund - Use of Revenues from Timber Harvesting**

3 FOR the purpose of providing that, after a certain distribution to counties is made, an  
4 amount of money equivalent to certain revenue from timber harvesting in State  
5 forests less certain revenue derived from timber harvesting is required to be  
6 used for certain purposes; making certain stylistic changes; and generally  
7 relating to the Forest or Park Reserve Fund.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9 Article - Natural Resources  
10 Section 5-212  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

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

15 **Article - Natural Resources**

16 5-212.

17 (A) There is a Forest or Park Reserve Fund in the Department.

18 (B) Any money obtained from the State forest reserves, State parks, scenic  
19 reserves, parkways, historic monuments, and recreation areas, together with any fine  
20 collected under § 5-1302 of this title, shall be paid into the Fund.

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

24 (2) Each county in which the forest or park reserve comprises 10 percent  
25 or more of the total land area of that county shall be paid annually out of the Fund a  
26 sum equal to 25 percent of the revenues derived from the State forest or park reserve  
27 located in that county.

1 (D) AFTER THE DISTRIBUTION HAS BEEN MADE TO THE COUNTIES UNDER  
2 SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, AN AMOUNT OF MONEY EQUIVALENT TO THE  
3 REVENUE DERIVED FROM TIMBER HARVESTING IN STATE FORESTS TO THE FUND,  
4 LESS ANY REVENUE DERIVED FROM TIMBER HARVESTING THAT HAS BEEN PAID OUT  
5 TO THE COUNTIES, SHALL BE USED FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES:

6 (1) INVENTORY, PROTECTION, AND RESTORATION OF FOREST INTERIOR  
7 SPECIES AND HABITATS;

8 (2) INVASIVE SPECIES ERADICATION; AND

9 (3) THE ACQUISITION AND PROTECTION OF FORESTS THAT THE  
10 DEPARTMENT SHALL MAKE INELIGIBLE FOR TIMBER HARVESTING.

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
12 October 1, 2004.