

HOUSE BILL 1224

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By: **Chair, Environmental Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Natural Resources)**

Introduced and read first time: February 21, 2007

Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Program Open Space – Use of Acquisition Funds**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the use of acquisition funds under Program Open
4 Space for certain purposes; providing that the costs to perform certain activities
5 may not exceed 10 percent of the purchase price of the land; and generally
6 relating to the use of funds for Program Open Space.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article – Natural Resources
9 Section 5–903(f)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Natural Resources**

15 5–903.

16 (f) (1) Subject to the limitation under paragraph (2) of this subsection,
17 the Department may use acquisition funds to:

18 (I) [stabilize] **STABILIZE** the structural integrity of
19 improvements existing on land at the time of acquisition;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(II) ELIMINATE HAZARDS TO HEALTH AND SAFETY,**
2 **INCLUDING TREATMENT AND REMOVAL OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS; AND**

3 **(III) PROTECT WATER QUALITY BY IMPLEMENTING**
4 **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS, INCLUDING SHORE EROSION CONTROL**
5 **MEASURES AND VEGETATED BUFFERS.**

6 (2) The costs to [stabilize the structural integrity of improvements
7 existing on land at the time of acquisition] **PERFORM ANY OF THE ACTIVITIES**
8 **DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION** may not exceed 10 percent of
9 the purchase price of the land.

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
11 October 1, 2007.