

# HOUSE BILL 1550

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Department of General Services Police – Jurisdiction, Authority, and**  
3 **Responsibility**

4 FOR the purpose of providing that the Department of General Services has full police  
5 jurisdiction and authority for the enforcement of certain laws as they relate to  
6 certain properties, including the surrounding areas of certain properties in  
7 Annapolis; expanding the authority of the Secretary of General Services with  
8 regard to the Department’s police and security force and with regard to its  
9 responsibility for law enforcement for certain properties, including the  
10 surrounding areas of certain properties in Annapolis; repealing a provision  
11 relating to the concurrent authority of the Secretary of General Services and  
12 certain chiefs of police; and generally relating to the jurisdiction, authority, and  
13 responsibility of the Department of General Services Police.

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
15 Article – State Finance and Procurement  
16 Section 4–601, 4–605, and 4–606  
17 Annotated Code of Maryland  
18 (2006 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

19 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
20 Article – State Finance and Procurement  
21 Section 4–602, 4–603, and 4–604  
22 Annotated Code of Maryland  
23 (2006 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

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

26 **Article – State Finance and Procurement**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.  
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 4-601.

2 The Department has jurisdiction over **AND FULL POLICE AUTHORITY FOR**  
3 **THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE CRIMINAL LAWS AND THE PARKING AND MOTOR**  
4 **VEHICLE LAWS AS TO** the operation, maintenance, and protection of:

5 (1) buildings and grounds that, on June 30, 1984, were administered  
6 by the Office of Annapolis Public Buildings and Grounds, **AND EXTENDING TO THE**  
7 **SURROUNDING AREA THAT ENCOMPASSES 1,000 FEET IN ANY DIRECTION FROM**  
8 **THE BOUNDARY OF THOSE BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS;**

9 (2) buildings and grounds that, on June 30, 1984, were administered  
10 by the Office of Baltimore Public Buildings and Grounds;

11 (3) multiservice centers designated by law or by the Board of Public  
12 Works; and

13 (4) other public improvements or grounds designated by law or by the  
14 Board of Public Works.

15 4-602.

16 (a) In accordance with the provisions of the State Personnel and Pensions  
17 Article, the Secretary may appoint and remove superintendents to supervise  
18 designated improvements, grounds, and multiservice centers under the jurisdiction of  
19 the Department, including those in Annapolis and Baltimore City.

20 (b) A superintendent shall perform the duties delegated by the Secretary.

21 (c) A superintendent is entitled to compensation in accordance with the  
22 State budget.

23 4-603.

24 The Secretary may establish divisions or offices in the Department to carry out  
25 the responsibilities for improvements, grounds, and multiservice centers under the  
26 jurisdiction of the Department.

27 4-604.

28 For all improvements, grounds, and multiservice centers under the jurisdiction  
29 of the Department, the responsibilities of the Department include:

30 (1) keeping a complete inventory of movable property assigned to the  
31 Department;

- 1 (2) supervising utility and sanitation services and fire and safety  
2 systems;
- 3 (3) supervising repairs and other work;
- 4 (4) landscaping;
- 5 (5) purchasing carpets, equipment, furniture, and supplies;
- 6 (6) protecting persons and property, including dispersing any  
7 assemblage that is unlawful, is dangerous, or obstructs free passage;
- 8 (7) preserving and protecting the public peace, health, and safety; and
- 9 (8) controlling pedestrian and vehicular traffic, including establishing  
10 of speed limits and parking and impoundment regulations for parking garages, surface  
11 parking lots, roads, and sidewalks that are owned or leased by the State and that are  
12 within the improvements, grounds, and multiservice centers.

13 4-605.

14 (a) (1) In accordance with the provisions of the State Personnel and  
15 Pensions Article, the Secretary may establish a **POLICE AND** security force to protect  
16 people and property on or about improvements, grounds, and multiservice centers  
17 under the jurisdiction of the Department, **AND IN THE SURROUNDING AREAS OF**  
18 **THE BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS IN ANNAPOLIS AS DESCRIBED IN § 4-601(1) OF**  
19 **THIS SUBTITLE.**

20 (2) The **POLICE AND** security force may include sworn police officers.

21 (b) A member of the **POLICE AND** security force may not be involuntarily  
22 transferred from a site to another site.

23 (c) A member of the **POLICE AND** security force has the same powers as a  
24 sheriff or police officer under § 2-101 of the Criminal Procedure Article only if the  
25 member:

26 (1) meets the legal requirements set forth by the Maryland Police  
27 Training Commission; and

28 (2) is designated by the Department as a police officer.

29 4-606.

30 (a) In this section, “Chief of Police” means:

1 (1) as to improvements, grounds, and multiservice centers in the City  
2 of Annapolis, the Chief of Police of the City of Annapolis;

3 (2) as to improvements, grounds, and multiservice centers in  
4 Baltimore City, the Police Commissioner of Baltimore City; and

5 (3) as to improvements, grounds, and multiservice centers not located  
6 in the City of Annapolis or Baltimore City, the head of the local police force of the  
7 county in which the improvements, grounds, or multiservice centers are located.

8 (b) [Subject to subsection (c) of this section, the] **THE** Secretary has  
9 concurrent authority with the Chief of Police to enforce **THE CRIMINAL LAWS AND**  
10 parking and motor vehicle laws on streets adjacent to all improvements, grounds, and  
11 multiservice centers under the jurisdiction of the Department, **AND IN THE**  
12 **SURROUNDING AREAS OF THE BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS IN ANNAPOLIS AS**  
13 **DESCRIBED IN § 4-601(1) OF THIS SUBTITLE.**

14 [(c) The concurrent authority conferred by subsection (b) of this section:

15 (1) is subject to any conditions prescribed by the Chief of Police; and

16 (2) applies only to streets designated by the Chief of Police.]

17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
18 October 1, 2008.