

## CHAPTER 549

(House Bill 1550)

AN ACT concerning

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

FOR the purpose of providing that the Department of General Services has full police jurisdiction and authority for the enforcement of certain laws as they relate to certain properties, including the surrounding areas of certain properties in ~~Annapolis; expanding the authority of the Secretary of General Services with regard to the Department's police and security force and with regard to its responsibility for law enforcement for certain properties, including the surrounding areas of certain properties in Annapolis~~ Annapolis and Baltimore City; authorizing the Secretary of General Services to establish a certain police force to protect people and property in certain areas; making certain provisions relating to the Department of General Services security force applicable to the police force authorized under this Act; establishing that the Secretary of General Services has concurrent authority with certain chiefs of police to enforce the criminal laws in certain areas, including in the surrounding areas of certain properties in Annapolis and Baltimore City, and the parking and motor vehicle laws in the surrounding areas of certain properties in Annapolis and Baltimore City; repealing a provision certain limitations relating to the concurrent authority of the Secretary of General Services and certain chiefs of police; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to the jurisdiction, authority, and responsibility of the Department of General Services Police.

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

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
Article – State Finance and Procurement  
Section 4–602, 4–603, and 4–604  
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SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article – State Finance and Procurement**

4–601.

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

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

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

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

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

4–602.

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

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

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

4–603.

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

4–604.

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

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

4-605.

(a) (1) In accordance with the provisions of the State Personnel and Pensions Article, the Secretary may establish a **POLICE AND** security force to protect people and property on or about improvements, grounds, and multiservice centers under the jurisdiction of the Department, **AND IN THE SURROUNDING AREAS OF THE BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS IN ANNAPOLIS AND BALTIMORE CITY AS DESCRIBED IN § 4-601(1) AND (2) OF THIS SUBTITLE.**

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

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

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

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

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

4-606.

- (a) In this section, "Chief of Police" means:

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

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

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

- (b) [Subject to subsection (c) of this section, the] **THE** Secretary has concurrent authority with the Chief of Police to enforce **THE CRIMINAL LAWS AND** parking and motor vehicle laws on streets adjacent to all improvements, grounds, and multiservice centers under the jurisdiction of the Department, **AND IN THE SURROUNDING AREAS OF THE BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS IN ANNAPOLIS AND BALTIMORE CITY AS DESCRIBED IN § 4-601(1) AND (2) OF THIS SUBTITLE.**

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

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

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

**SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act ~~shall take effect October 1, 2008~~ is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is enacted.**

**Approved by the Governor, May 13, 2008.**