

HOUSE BILL 1177

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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland State Parks – Pet Access**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Natural Resources to adopt certain
4 rules and regulations mandating access to some portion of State parks by a
5 person accompanied by a pet; and generally relating to pet access to State
6 parks.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
8 Article – Natural Resources
9 Section 5–209(a)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2008 Supplement)

12 BY adding to
13 Article – Natural Resources
14 Section 5–209(f)
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2008 Supplement)

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

19 **Article – Natural Resources**

20 5–209.

21 (a) The Department may make rules and regulations for the maintenance of
22 order, safety, sanitation, traffic control, or for the protection of trees and other
23 property and the preservation of the natural beauty within the State parks and
24 forests, State reserves, scenic preserves, parkways, historical monuments, recreational

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 areas, and any other lands under its control. The rules and regulations shall be posted
2 in conspicuous places upon the lands and enforced by the forest and park officers.

3 (F) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT RULES AND REGULATIONS THAT
4 MANDATE ACCESS TO SOME PORTION OF ALL STATE PARKS BY A PERSON
5 ACCOMPANIED BY A PET.

6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
7 October 1, 2009.