

# HOUSE BILL 950

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HB 357/10 – ENV

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CF SB 25

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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

### **Dorchester County – Land Acquisition – Approval Required**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting the State from acquiring land for open space purposes  
4 in Dorchester County unless the County Council of Dorchester County approves  
5 the purchase; and generally relating to the acquisition of land by the State in  
6 Dorchester County.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

8 Article – Natural Resources

9 Section 5–910

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

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

#### **Article – Natural Resources**

15 5–910.

16 (A) The State may not acquire a tract of land in Allegany County **OR**  
17 **DORCHESTER COUNTY** of over 100 acres for preservation of open spaces unless:

18 (1) [the] **THE** County Commissioners of Allegany County approve the  
19 purchase, **FOR LAND TO BE ACQUIRED IN THAT COUNTY; OR**

20 (2) **THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF DORCHESTER COUNTY APPROVES**  
21 **THE PURCHASE, FOR LAND TO BE ACQUIRED IN THAT COUNTY.**

22 (B) This requirement does not apply to open space and outdoor recreation  
23 areas which have previously been authorized for acquisition by the legislature.

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**EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.**

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1            SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
2    October 1, 2011.