

**SB0134/809131/1**

BY: Budget and Taxation Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 134  
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike beginning with “repealing” in line 3 down through “park;” in line 6 and substitute “prohibiting a county from receiving certain revenues derived from a State forest or park reserve within a county if the county receives a certain payment in a fiscal year; prohibiting a county from receiving certain revenues derived from concession operations within a State forest or park if the county receives a certain payment in a fiscal year;”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 3 and 4, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 13 on page 3 through line 7 on page 4, inclusive.

On page 4, after line 7, insert:

“(g) (1) Subject to [paragraph] PARAGRAPHS (3) AND (4) of this subsection, the Fund may be used only for:

(i) 1. Purchasing and managing in the name of the State lands suitable for forest culture, reserves, watershed protection, State parks, scenic preserves, historic monuments, parkways, and State recreational reserves; and

2. Helping to offset the costs to the Forest and Park Service for developing and implementing a forest health emergency contingency program under § 5–307 of this title;

(ii) Subject to [paragraph] PARAGRAPHS (2) AND (4) of this subsection, payments to counties in the amount of:

(Over)

1. If the State forest or park reserve comprises less than 10% of the total land area of the county, a sum equal to 15% of the revenue derived from the State forest or park reserve located in that county; and

2. If the State forest or park reserve comprises 10% or more of the total land area of the county, a sum equal to 25% of the revenue derived from the State forest or park reserve located in that county; and

(iii) Administrative costs calculated in accordance with § 1-103(b)(2) of this article.

(2) For fiscal years 2012 and 2013 only, the payments under paragraph (1)(i) of this subsection shall be based only on the revenue derived from sales of timber.

(3) From revenues described in subsection (f) of this section that are attributable to Maryland Park Service operations, the Governor shall include in the State budget an appropriation for the Maryland Park Service equal to:

(i) At least 60% of the revenues, for fiscal year 2016;

(ii) At least 80% of the revenues, for fiscal year 2017; and

(iii) 100% of the revenues, for fiscal year 2018 and each fiscal year thereafter.

**(4) A COUNTY MAY NOT RECEIVE A PAYMENT UNDER PARAGRAPH (1)(II) OF THIS SUBSECTION IN A FISCAL YEAR IF THE COUNTY RECEIVES A PAYMENT FROM THE STATE UNDER § 6.5-201 OF THE TAX – PROPERTY ARTICLE IN THE SAME FISCAL YEAR.”**

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 5, strike in their entirety lines 13 through 29, inclusive.

On page 5, after line 29, insert:

“(g) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, the Account shall be used only for:

(i) The maintenance and operation of concession operations;

(ii) The function of State forests and parks to the extent of the projected balance of the Account from the prior fiscal year; and

(iii) Administrative costs calculated in accordance with § 1-103(b)(2) of this article.

(2) (i) Subject to [subparagraph] SUBPARAGRAPHS (ii) AND (III) of this paragraph, each county in which any State forest or park is located shall be paid annually out of the Account:

1. If the State forest or park reserve comprises less than 10% of the total land area of the county, a sum equal to 15% of the net revenue derived from concession operations within a State forest or park located in that county; or

2. If the State forest or park reserve comprises 10% or more of the total land area of the county, a sum equal to 25% of the net revenue derived from concession operations within a State forest or park located in that county.

(ii) For fiscal years 2012 and 2013 only, the payments under subparagraph (i) of this subsection may not be made.

(III) A COUNTY MAY NOT RECEIVE A PAYMENT UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH IN A FISCAL YEAR IF THE COUNTY RECEIVES A PAYMENT FROM THE STATE UNDER § 6.5-201 OF THE TAX – PROPERTY ARTICLE IN THE SAME FISCAL YEAR.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 9, in line 12, strike “**PARAGRAPH (3)**” and substitute “PARAGRAPHS (3) AND (4)”; in line 18, after “**(3)**” insert “A COUNTY MAY NOT RECEIVE A PAYMENT”

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**IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION UNLESS THE COUNTY HAS AT LEAST 6 UNITS  
OF OPEN SPACE.**

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