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(Montgomery County Delegation and Prince George's
County Delegation)

Environment and Transportation

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission - Glenn Dale
Hospital Property
MC/PG 110-19**

This bill authorizes the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) to sell, lease, or otherwise transfer the approximately 60 acres that have been developed as a hospital campus to a person who will adaptively reuse, at a minimum, the main hospital campus buildings on the property by returning the property to a state of utility through repair and alteration that: (1) gives the property an efficient and contemporary use; and (2) preserves portions and features of the property that are historically, architecturally, and culturally significant.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: None. The bill does not materially affect M-NCPPC operations or finances.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: M-NCPPC is required to maintain the approximately 150 acres that have not been developed as part of the existing Glenn Dale hospital campus in M-NCPPC's park system.

M-NCPPC may sell, lease, or otherwise transfer the approximately 60 acres that have been developed as a hospital campus to a person who will use the property as a continuing care retirement community. If M-NCPPC is unable to find a qualified person who will use the property as a continuing care retirement community, M-NCPPC is required to retain possession of the property until the General Assembly approves an alternate use.

Background:

Glenn Dale Hospital Property

The Glenn Dale Hospital property is located on approximately 210 acres in Glenn Dale, Maryland. The site was initially constructed in 1933 to house the Glenn Dale Tuberculosis Hospital and Sanatorium. The property was maintained by the District of Columbia until 1995 when it was officially sold to M-NCPPC. Prior to this acquisition, the General Assembly enacted a law in 1994 stipulating that any future use of the approximately 60 acres that have been developed as a hospital campus be limited to a continuing care retirement community. The property was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 2011 and to the Local Register of Historic Sites and Districts in 2014.

The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission

M-NCPPC is a bi-county agency serving Montgomery and Prince George’s counties that was empowered by the State in 1927 to acquire and administer a regional system of parks within the Maryland-Washington Metropolitan District and administer a general plan for the physical development of the area. In 1970, M-NCPPC became responsible for managing the Prince George’s County public recreation program. M-NCPPC operates approximately 52,000 acres of parkland, trails, and open space in Montgomery and Prince George’s counties, as well as a variety of facilities, including nature centers, community centers, historic sites, and sports venues.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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