

SENATE BILL 618

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By: **Senator Edwards**

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Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Natural Resources – State Lakes Protection and Restoration Fund – Mandatory**
3 **Funding**

4 FOR the purpose of increasing the amount of a certain appropriation, beginning in a certain
5 fiscal year, that the Governor is required to provide in the annual budget bill to the
6 State Lakes Protection and Restoration Fund; and generally relating to the State
7 Lakes Protection and Restoration Fund.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article – Natural Resources
10 Section 8–205
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Natural Resources**

16 8–205.

17 (a) In this section, “Fund” means the State Lakes Protection and Restoration
18 Fund.

19 (b) There is a State Lakes Protection and Restoration Fund.

20 (c) The purpose of the Fund is to protect and restore State-owned or
21 State-managed lakes by:

22 (1) Removing sediment;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2) Treating contaminated sediment;

2 (3) Preventing the spread of invasive species;

3 (4) Improving ecological and recreational value; and

4 (5) Taking any other action the Department determines is necessary.

5 (d) The Secretary shall administer the Fund.

6 (e) (1) The Fund is a special, nonlapsing fund that is not subject to § 7–302 of
7 the State Finance and Procurement Article.

8 (2) The State Treasurer shall hold the Fund separately, and the
9 Comptroller shall account for the Fund.

10 (f) The Fund consists of:

11 (1) Money appropriated in the State budget to the Fund; and

12 (2) Any other money from any other source accepted for the benefit of the
13 Fund.

14 (g) The Fund may be used only for the protection or restoration of State–owned
15 or State–managed lakes by:

16 (1) Removing sediment;

17 (2) Treating contaminated sediment;

18 (3) Preventing the spread of invasive species;

19 (4) Improving ecological and recreational value; and

20 (5) Taking any other action the Department determines is necessary.

21 (h) (1) The State Treasurer shall invest the money of the Fund in the same
22 manner as other State money may be invested.

23 (2) Any interest earnings of the Fund shall be credited to the Fund.

24 (i) Expenditures from the Fund may be made only in accordance with the State
25 budget.

26 (j) Money expended from the Fund for the protection or restoration of
27 State–owned or State–managed lakes is supplemental to and is not intended to take the
28 place of funding that would otherwise be appropriated for the protection or restoration of

1 State-owned or State-managed lakes.

2 (k) (1) For fiscal [year] YEARS 2020 [and each fiscal year thereafter]
3 THROUGH 2022, the Governor shall include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of
4 \$1,000,000 to the Fund.

5 (2) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER,
6 THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL AN APPROPRIATION
7 OF \$3,000,000 TO THE FUND.

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
9 1, 2021.