

# HOUSE BILL 39

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By: **Delegate Queen**

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Report on the Public or Private Conversion of State Property to Affordable**  
3 **Housing**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Planning and the Department of General  
5 Services, in partnership with the Department of Housing and Community  
6 Development, to report to the Board of Public Works and certain committees of the  
7 General Assembly on strategies for the public or private development and use of  
8 surplus real property and excess real property retained for possible future use by the  
9 State as affordable housing; and generally relating to the planning and development  
10 of affordable housing.

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
12 That:

13 (a) In this section, “transit-oriented development” and “transit station” have the  
14 meanings stated in § 7-101 of the Transportation Article.

15 (b) On or before June 30, 2023, the Department of Planning and the Department  
16 of General Services, in partnership with the Department of Housing and Community  
17 Development, shall report to the Board of Public Works and, in accordance with § 2-1257  
18 of the State Government Article, the Legislative Policy Committee, the Senate Budget and  
19 Taxation Committee, and the House Appropriations Committee on strategies for the public  
20 or private development and use of surplus real property and excess real property retained  
21 for possible future use by the State as affordable housing.

22 (c) The report shall include:

23 (1) an inventory of improved and unimproved real property determined by  
24 the Board of Public Works to be in surplus of the needs of the State;

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           (2)    an inventory of improved and unimproved real property retained for  
2 possible future use by the State;

3           (3)    recommendations to facilitate the public or private development and  
4 use of surplus real property and excess real property retained for possible future use by the  
5 State as affordable housing, including identification of specific properties;

6           (4)    recommendations for legislative and regulatory changes needed to  
7 implement recommendations made under item (3) of this subsection; and

8           (5)    an analysis of federal and State funds available for the conversion of  
9 existing public real property to affordable housing by public or private parties.

10          (d)    (1)    For the purpose of this subsection, improved or unimproved real  
11 property is considered to be near public transportation if:

12                   (i)    the property is in a transit-oriented development; or

13                   (ii)   any part of the property is located within one-half mile of the  
14 passenger boarding and alighting location of a planned or existing transit station.

15          (2)    The report shall highlight properties and emphasize recommendations  
16 that facilitate the development of affordable housing near public transportation, existing  
17 commercial developments, and commercial developments for which all permits have been  
18 issued.

19          SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
20 1, 2022. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of June 30, 2024,  
21 this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and  
22 of no further force and effect.