A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Department of Natural Resources’ Real Property – Exchange With Private Real Property – Requirement

FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Natural Resources to exchange real property owned by the Department with private real property under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the exchange of real property owned by the Department of Natural Resources.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 10–305(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume)

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

Article – State Finance and Procurement

10–305.

(a) (1) Subject to subsections (b) and (c) of this section, any real or personal property of the State or a unit of the State government may be sold, leased, transferred, exchanged, granted, or otherwise disposed of:

(1) to any person, to the United States or any of its units, or to any unit of the State government, for a consideration the Board decides is adequate; or

(2) to any county or municipal corporation in the State subject to any conditions the Board imposes.
SENATE BILL 974

(2) IF A PROPERTY OWNER REQUESTS TO EXCHANGE PRIVATE REAL PROPERTY WITH REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES SHALL EXCHANGE ITS REAL PROPERTY IF:

(I) THE PRIVATE REAL PROPERTY IS EQUAL TO OR LARGER THAN THE SIZE OF THE REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES;

(II) THE PRIVATE REAL PROPERTY IS ADJACENT TO REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES THAT IS CONTIGUOUS WITH THE REAL PROPERTY THE PROPERTY OWNER IS REQUESTING THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES EXCHANGE;

(III) THE APPRAISED VALUE OF THE PRIVATE REAL PROPERTY IS:

1. EQUAL TO OR LESS THAN $100,000; AND

2. EQUAL TO OR GREATER THAN THE APPRAISED VALUE OF THE REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES; AND

(IV) THE APPRAISED VALUE OF THE REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES IS EQUAL TO OR LESS THAN $100,000.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2022.