

SENATE BILL 517

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EMERGENCY BILL

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By: **Cecil County Senators**

Introduced and read first time: February 3, 2023

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Port of Deposit State Historical Park – Included Areas**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the areas included in the Port of Deposit State Historical Park;
4 authorizing, rather than requiring, the Bainbridge Development Corporation to
5 transfer a certain portion of a certain site to the Department of Natural Resources
6 on or before a certain date; and generally relating to the Port of Deposit State
7 Historical Park.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
9 Article – Natural Resources
10 Section 5–1012(g)(1)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
14 Article – Natural Resources
15 Section 5–1012(g)(2)
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

18 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
19 Chapter 39 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2022
20 Section 5

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

23 **Article – Natural Resources**

24 5–1012.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (g) (1) (i) The Department shall establish the Port of Deposit State
2 Historical Park as a partnership park that seeks to educate the public about and preserve
3 and interpret the lives and experiences of Black Americans both before and after the
4 abolition of slavery.

5 (ii) Port of Deposit State Historical Park shall be held by the State
6 as a State park under the protection and administration of the Department.

7 (2) Port of Deposit State Historical Park shall consist of a portion of the
8 Bainbridge Naval Training Center site, measuring [not less than 120 acres and] not more
9 than 150 acres, that the Bainbridge Development Corporation transfers to the Department,
10 including:

11 (i) [The historic Tome School;

12 (ii)] The Snow Hill archaeological site; and

13 [(iii)] **(II)** The adjacent wooded conservation area.

14 Chapter 39 of the Acts of 2022

15 SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before June 1, [2023]
16 **2024**, the Bainbridge Development Corporation [shall] **MAY** transfer to the Department of
17 Natural Resources a portion of the Bainbridge Naval Training Center site consisting of [not
18 less than 120 acres and] not more than 150 acres, including:

19 (1) [the historic Tome School;

20 (2)] the Snow Hill archaeological site; and

21 [(3)] **(2)** the adjacent wooded conservation area.

22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency
23 measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has
24 been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to
25 each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is
26 enacted.