

SENATE BILL 783

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By: **Senator Hester**

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Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment and Budget and Taxation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Historic Properties Disposition and Preservation Team and Extension of the**
3 **Income Tax Credit for Catalytic Revitalization Projects**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing the Historic Properties Disposition and Preservation Team
5 within the Department of Housing and Community Development; providing for the
6 membership, duties, and staffing of the Team; extending the sunset for the income
7 tax credit for catalytic revitalization projects; and generally relating to the
8 disposition and preservation of historic properties by the State.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
10 Article – Housing and Community Development
11 Section 1–101(a) and (d), 6–901, and 6–902(a)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
15 Article – Housing and Community Development
16 Section 2–201 and 6–905
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

19 BY adding to
20 Article – Housing and Community Development
21 Section 5–101 through 5–105 to be under the new title “Title 5. Historic Properties
22 Disposition and Preservation Team”
23 Annotated Code of Maryland
24 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **Article – Housing and Community Development**

2 1–101.

3 (a) In this Division I of this article the following words have the meanings
4 indicated.

5 (d) “Department” means the Department of Housing and Community
6 Development.

7 2–201.

8 The Department consists of:

9 (1) the Division of Credit Assurance;

10 (2) the Division of Development Finance;

11 (3) **THE HISTORIC PROPERTIES DISPOSITION AND PRESERVATION**
12 **TEAM;**

13 (4) the Division of Neighborhood Revitalization;

14 [(4)] (5) the Community Development Administration;

15 [(5)] (6) the Community Legacy Program;

16 [(6)] (7) the Housing Finance Review Committee;

17 [(7)] (8) the Lead Hazard Advisory Committee;

18 [(8)] (9) the Maryland Housing Fund;

19 [(9)] (10) the Neighborhood Business Development Program; and

20 [(10)] (11) any other governmental unit that under law is a part of the
21 Department.

22 **TITLE 5. HISTORIC PROPERTIES DISPOSITION AND PRESERVATION TEAM.**

23 **5–101.**

24 (A) IN THIS TITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
25 INDICATED.

1 **(B) "HISTORIC PROPERTY" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 5A-301 OF THE**
2 **STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.**

3 **(C) "PRESERVATION" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 5A-301 OF THE**
4 **STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.**

5 **(D) "TEAM" MEANS THE HISTORIC PROPERTIES DISPOSITION AND**
6 **PRESERVATION TEAM OF THE DEPARTMENT.**

7 **(E) "UNIT" MEANS A UNIT OF STATE GOVERNMENT.**

8 **5-102.**

9 **(A) THERE IS A HISTORIC PROPERTIES DISPOSITION AND PRESERVATION**
10 **TEAM WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT.**

11 **(B) (1) THE TEAM CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING EX OFFICIO MEMBERS:**

12 **(I) THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY**
13 **DEVELOPMENT;**

14 **(II) THE SECRETARY OF GENERAL SERVICES;**

15 **(III) THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE;**

16 **(IV) THE SECRETARY OF THE ENVIRONMENT;**

17 **(V) THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH;**

18 **(VI) THE SECRETARY OF LABOR;**

19 **(VII) THE SECRETARY OF NATURAL RESOURCES; AND**

20 **(VIII) THE SECRETARY OF PLANNING.**

21 **(2) THE COCHAIRS MAY APPOINT THE HEAD OF A UNIT THAT IS NOT**
22 **LISTED IN PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION AS AN EX OFFICIO MEMBER OF THE**
23 **TEAM AFTER A REVIEW OF THE UNIT'S OWNERSHIP OF STATE HISTORIC**
24 **PROPERTIES.**

25 **(3) AN EX OFFICIO MEMBER MAY DESIGNATE A DEPUTY SECRETARY**
26 **FROM THE MEMBER'S UNIT TO ACT IN THE MEMBER'S ABSENCE.**

1 (C) A MEMBER OF THE TEAM:

2 (1) MAY NOT RECEIVE COMPENSATION AS A MEMBER OF THE TEAM;

3 BUT

4 (2) IS ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES UNDER THE
5 STANDARD STATE TRAVEL REGULATIONS, AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.

6 (D) THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, OR
7 THE SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE, AND THE SECRETARY OF GENERAL SERVICES, OR
8 THE SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE, SHALL COCHAIR THE TEAM.

9 (E) (1) A MAJORITY OF THE AUTHORIZED MEMBERSHIP OF THE TEAM IS
10 A QUORUM.

11 (2) THE TEAM SHALL SET THE TIMES AND PLACES OF ITS MEETINGS.

12 (F) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE STAFF TO THE TEAM, INCLUDING A
13 DIRECTOR TO OVERSEE THE ACTIVITIES OF THE TEAM.

14 5-103.

15 (A) (1) THE PURPOSE OF THE TEAM IS TO ENSURE THAT HISTORIC
16 PROPERTIES OWNED BY THE STATE THAT ARE HELD FOR DISPOSITION AND
17 REDEVELOPMENT ARE PROPERLY MAINTAINED AND MANAGED AND SUCCESSFULLY
18 TRANSFERRED ON DISPOSITION.

19 (2) AMONG ITS OTHER DUTIES AND POWERS ESTABLISHED UNDER
20 THIS SECTION, THE TEAM IS RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTING
21 RECOMMENDATIONS 2, 4, AND 5 OF THE REPORT "ADVANCING THE PRESERVATION
22 AND REUSE OF MARYLAND'S HISTORIC COMPLEXES: CHALLENGES AND
23 OPPORTUNITIES", PREPARED FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ISSUED
24 JANUARY 28, 2020.

25 (B) THE TEAM SHALL:

26 (1) IDENTIFY AND MAINTAIN INFORMATION ON STATE-OWNED
27 HISTORIC PROPERTIES;

28 (2) SUPPORT THE MAINTENANCE OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES BY THE
29 UNIT IN POSSESSION OF THE PROPERTY BEFORE DISPOSITION OF THE HISTORIC
30 PROPERTY BY THE STATE;

1 **(3) EVALUATE, BEFORE DISPOSITION OF A HISTORIC PROPERTY**
2 **OWNED BY THE STATE:**

3 **(I) ENVIRONMENTAL AND HISTORIC REMEDIATION**
4 **REQUIREMENTS FOR THE HISTORIC PROPERTY; AND**

5 **(II) ZONING OPTIONS FOR SUBSEQUENT USES ON DIVESTMENT;**

6 **(4) FACILITATE, BEFORE DISPOSITION OF A HISTORIC PROPERTY**
7 **OWNED BY THE STATE:**

8 **(I) SITE AND BUILDING ASSESSMENTS; AND**

9 **(II) PROJECTS NECESSARY FOR THE STABILIZATION OR**
10 **PRESERVATION OF THE HISTORIC PROPERTY;**

11 **(5) CONSULT WITH THE UNIT IN POSSESSION OF THE STATE-OWNED**
12 **HISTORIC PROPERTY TO DEVELOP A PLAN FOR PRESERVATION OR DISPOSITION OF**
13 **THE HISTORIC PROPERTY THAT INCLUDES:**

14 **(I) A MULTIDISCIPLINARY REVIEW OF THE POTENTIAL USES**
15 **FOR THE PROPERTY AND THE FACTORS AFFECTING THESE USES, INCLUDING**
16 **ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEWS AND ASSESSMENTS OF THE COMMERCIAL VALUE OF THE**
17 **PROPERTY; AND**

18 **(II) A DETERMINATION OF WHETHER THE PROPERTY IS**
19 **SUITABLE FOR USE OR REDEVELOPMENT AS AFFORDABLE HOUSING, AS REQUIRED**
20 **UNDER § 2-203(B) OF THIS DIVISION I;**

21 **(6) IDENTIFY AND MAKE AVAILABLE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND**
22 **NONMONETARY RESOURCES FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, THE STATE,**
23 **POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS, AND PRIVATE ENTITIES TO FACILITATE THE SUCCESSFUL**
24 **DISPOSITION OF STATE-OWNED HISTORIC PROPERTIES; AND**

25 **(7) MEET REGULARLY TO ADDRESS ISSUES RELATED TO ITS PURPOSE**
26 **AS IDENTIFIED IN SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION.**

27 **(C) THE TEAM, THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT, MAY EXECUTE CONTRACTS**
28 **FOR THE PRESERVATION WORK IDENTIFIED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION.**

29 **(D) NOTHING IN THIS SECTION MAY BE CONSTRUED TO AUTHORIZE A**
30 **DISPOSITION PLAN FOR STATE-OWNED HISTORIC PROPERTY IF THE DISPOSITION**
31 **WOULD:**

1 (1) VIOLATE ANY COVENANT OR APPLICABLE FEDERAL LAW;

2 (2) IN THE OPINION OF THE STATE TREASURER, ADVERSELY AFFECT
3 THE TAX-EXEMPT STATUS OF AN OUTSTANDING STATE BOND, THE PROCEEDS OF
4 WHICH WERE ALLOCATED TO PURCHASE OR IMPROVE THE PROPERTY; OR

5 (3) SUPERSEDE THE RIGHT OF A PERSON FROM WHOM REAL
6 PROPERTY WAS ACQUIRED OR THE PERSON'S SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO
7 REACQUIRE THE PROPERTY UNDER § 8-309 OF THE TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE.

8 (E) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2024, THE TEAM SHALL REPORT TO THE
9 GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT
10 ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON:

11 (1) THE ACTIVITIES OF THE TEAM IN THE PRIOR FISCAL YEAR; AND

12 (2) RECOMMENDATIONS, INCLUDING LEGISLATION, TO ASSIST THE
13 TEAM IN CARRYING OUT THE PURPOSE AND PERFORMING THE DUTIES UNDER THIS
14 SECTION.

15 5-104.

16 (A) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2024, THE TEAM SHALL COMPILE A
17 SUMMARY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES OWNED BY THE STATE.

18 (B) THE SUMMARY OF STATE-OWNED HISTORIC PROPERTIES REQUIRED
19 UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION SHALL:

20 (1) IDENTIFY PROPERTIES THAT ARE ELIGIBLE FOR DISPOSITION;

21 (2) BE UPDATED REGULARLY BY THE TEAM; AND

22 (3) BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC.

23 (C) THE SUMMARY OF STATE-OWNED HISTORIC PROPERTIES MAY BE
24 INTEGRATED WITH LISTS OR RECORDS OF STATE PROPERTY, INCLUDING THE LIST
25 REQUIRED UNDER § 2-203(B)(2) OF THIS ARTICLE.

26 5-105.

27 AT THE DIRECTION OF THE TEAM, THE DEPARTMENT MAY ADOPT
28 REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS TITLE.

1 6–901.

2 In this subtitle, “catalytic revitalization project” means the substantial rehabilitation
3 of a property in the State:

4 (1) that was formerly owned by the State or the federal government;

5 (2) the rehabilitation of which will foster economic, housing, and
6 community development within the community in which the property is located; and

7 (3) that is out of service and was formerly used as a college or university,
8 K–12 school, hospital, mental health facility, or military facility or installation.

9 6–902.

10 (a) An individual, a nonprofit organization, or a business entity may claim a tax
11 credit in an amount equal to 20% of the amount stated in the final tax credit certificate
12 issued by the Secretary under § 6–903 of this subtitle for 5 consecutive taxable years
13 beginning with the taxable year in which the catalytic revitalization project is completed.

14 6–905.

15 (a) Subject to subsection (b) of this section, this subtitle and the credit authorized
16 under it shall terminate January 1, **[2031] 2035**.

17 (b) After the termination of this subtitle:

18 (1) the Secretary may not issue any additional tax credit certificates under
19 § 6–903 of this subtitle; and

20 (2) tax credit certificates issued may be claimed, refunded, carried forward,
21 or transferred in accordance with §§ 6–902 and 6–903 of this subtitle.

22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
23 October 1, 2023.