

**SB0259/203723/1**

BY: Budget and Taxation Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 259  
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 4, after “expended;” insert “authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to expend up to a certain amount from the Park System Critical Maintenance Fund under certain circumstances;”; in line 6, strike “of Natural Resources”; in line 9, after “State;” insert “requiring the Department to report certain expenditures to the Parks and Recreation Commission at certain meetings;”; in line 14, strike the third “and”; in the same line, after “5-222(a) and (b)” insert “, and 5-2A-03(a)(1)”; in line 19, after the second “(k),” insert “5-2A-03(e),”;

and after line 21, insert:

“BY adding to  
Article - Natural Resources  
Section 5-220(l)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2023 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, after line 14, insert:

“(L) NOTWITHSTANDING § 13-109 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE, THE DEPARTMENT MAY EXPEND UP TO \$400,000 FOR A PROJECT THAT ADDRESSES CRITICAL MAINTENANCE CONCERNS FROM THE FUND WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES.”

On page 3, in line 1, strike “is supplemental” and substitute “IS:”

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**(1) SUPPLEMENTAL;**

and in line 5, after “purposes” insert “;AND”

**(2) INTENDED TO:**

**(I) EXPAND PUBLIC ACCESS ON LANDS MANAGED BY  
THE DEPARTMENT; AND**

**(II) ALLEVIATE OVERCAPACITY WITHIN THE STATE  
PARK SYSTEM”.**

On page 4, after line 28, insert:

“5-2A-03.

(a) (1) There is a Parks and Recreation Commission in the Department.

(e) (1) The Commission shall meet quarterly to review the status of the  
Park Service.

**(2) AT EACH MEETING, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REPORT TO THE  
COMMISSION ON EXPENDITURES FROM THE PARK SYSTEM CAPITAL  
IMPROVEMENTS AND ACQUISITION FUND.”.**