

HOUSE BILL 566

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By: **Delegates Grossman, Allen, Embry, Fair, Kaiser, Kaufman, Lehman, Pruski, Stein, Taveras, and Vogel**

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State and Local Government – Real Property – Confederate Naming Prohibited**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a State entity or a political subdivision of the State from
4 assigning a Confederate name to real property owned by the State or political
5 subdivision; requiring certain real property to be assigned a new name on or before
6 a certain date; and generally relating to prohibiting Confederate naming of State and
7 local real property.

8 BY adding to

9 Article – General Provisions

10 Section 9–101 and 9–102 to be under the new title “Title 9. State and Local
11 Government Real Property Naming”

12 Annotated Code of Maryland

13 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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

16 **Article – General Provisions**

17 **TITLE 9. STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT REAL PROPERTY NAMING.**

18 **9–101.**

19 (A) IN THIS TITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
20 INDICATED.

21 (B) “CONFEDERATE NAME” MEANS A NAME THAT COMMEMORATES THE
22 CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA OR ANY PERSON WHO SERVED VOLUNTARILY

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 WITH THE CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA.

2 (C) "POLITICAL SUBDIVISION" MEANS:

3 (1) A COUNTY;

4 (2) A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION;

5 (3) AN UNINCORPORATED TOWN;

6 (4) A SCHOOL DISTRICT; OR

7 (5) A SPECIAL DISTRICT.

8 (D) "REAL PROPERTY" INCLUDES STREETS, BUILDINGS, PARKS, AND
9 SUBDIVISIONS.

10 (E) "STATE ENTITY" INCLUDES ALL UNITS AND AGENCIES IN THE
11 EXECUTIVE, LEGISLATIVE, AND JUDICIAL BRANCHES OF STATE GOVERNMENT.

12 **9–102.**

13 A STATE ENTITY OR A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE MAY NOT
14 ASSIGN A CONFEDERATE NAME TO REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE STATE OR
15 POLITICAL SUBDIVISION.

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, if real property, as defined
17 under § 9–101 of the General Provisions Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act, has a
18 Confederate name, as defined under § 9–101 of the General Provisions Article, as enacted
19 by Section 1 of this Act, on the effective date of this Act, the State entity or political
20 subdivision of the State responsible for assigning a name to the real property shall assign
21 a new name to the real property on or before January 1, 2027.

22 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
23 October 1, 2024.