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By: **Delegate Simmons**

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Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Department of General Services – Maryland Capitol Police – Jurisdiction**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the jurisdiction of the Maryland Capitol Police of the
4 Department of General Services; and generally relating to the Maryland Capitol
5 Police and the Department of General Services.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article – State Finance and Procurement
8 Section 4–601
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

11 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
12 Article – State Finance and Procurement
13 Section 4–605
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

18 **Article – State Finance and Procurement**

19 4–601.

20 (a) Subject to subsection [(b)] (C) of this section, the Department has jurisdiction
21 over and full police authority for the enforcement STATEWIDE of the criminal laws and the
22 parking and motor vehicle laws as to the operation, maintenance, and protection of:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (1) [buildings and grounds that, on June 30, 1984, were administered by
2 the Office of Annapolis Public Buildings and Grounds, and extending to the surrounding
3 area that encompasses 1,000 feet in any direction from the boundary of those buildings and
4 grounds;

5 (2) buildings and grounds that, on June 30, 1984, were administered by the
6 Office of Baltimore Public Buildings and Grounds, and extending to the surrounding area
7 that encompasses 1,000 feet in any direction from the boundary of those buildings and
8 grounds;

9 (3) multiservice centers designated by law or by the Board of Public Works
10 and extending to the surrounding area that encompasses 1,000 feet in any direction from
11 the boundary of those multiservice centers;

12 (4) buildings and grounds that, on June 30, 2019, were administered by the
13 Maryland Department of Labor, and extending to the surrounding area that encompasses
14 1,000 feet in any direction from the boundary of those buildings;

15 (5) State-owned or State-leased buildings and grounds and extending to
16 the surrounding area that encompasses [1,000] **2,000** feet in any direction from the
17 boundary of those buildings and grounds; and

18 [(6)] (2) other public improvements or grounds designated by law or by
19 the Board of Public Works.

20 (b) (1) **SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION AND IN**
21 **ADDITION TO THE POWERS GRANTED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, A**
22 **POLICE OFFICER OF THE MARYLAND CAPITOL POLICE WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT**
23 **MAY INVESTIGATE AND ENFORCE STATEWIDE THE CRIMINAL LAWS AND TITLE 12 OF**
24 **THE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE ARTICLE.**

25 (2) **IF A POLICE OFFICER OF THE MARYLAND CAPITOL POLICE**
26 **WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT EXERCISES THE POWERS GRANTED UNDER PARAGRAPH**
27 **(1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, NOTIFICATION OF THE INVESTIGATION AND**
28 **ENFORCEMENT SHALL BE PROVIDED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE:**

29 (I) **IN A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, TO THE CHIEF OF POLICE**
30 **OR DESIGNEE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE;**

31 (II) **IN A COUNTY WITH A COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT, TO THE**
32 **CHIEF OF POLICE OR DESIGNEE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE;**

33 (III) **IN A COUNTY WITHOUT A POLICE DEPARTMENT, TO THE**
34 **SHERIFF OR DESIGNEE OF THE SHERIFF; AND**

1 **(IV) IN BALTIMORE CITY, TO THE POLICE COMMISSIONER OR**
2 **DESIGNEE OF THE POLICE COMMISSIONER.**

3 **(C)** Consistent with Article 8 of the Maryland Declaration of Rights, with respect
4 to State legislative buildings in the City of Annapolis, the presiding officers of the General
5 Assembly shall have final authority over the use of and access to the buildings by the
6 members of the General Assembly, their staff, and Department of Legislative Services
7 personnel.

8 4–605.

9 (a) (1) In accordance with the provisions of the State Personnel and Pensions
10 Article, the Secretary may establish a police and security force, known as the Maryland
11 Capitol Police of the Department of General Services, to protect people and property on or
12 about improvements, grounds, and multiservice centers under the jurisdiction of the
13 Department, and in the surrounding areas of the buildings and grounds in the State as
14 described in § 4–601 of this subtitle.

15 (2) (i) The Secretary shall appoint the Chief of the Maryland Capitol
16 Police of the Department of General Services.

17 (ii) The Chief of the Maryland Capitol Police of the Department of
18 General Services serves at the pleasure of the Secretary.

19 (iii) The Chief of the Maryland Capitol Police of the Department of
20 General Services shall supervise and direct the affairs and operations of the Maryland
21 Capitol Police.

22 (3) The Maryland Capitol Police of the Department of General Services
23 may include sworn police officers.

24 (b) A member of the Maryland Capitol Police of the Department of General
25 Services may not be involuntarily transferred from a site to another site.

26 (c) Subject to subsection (d) of this section, a Maryland Capitol Police officer has
27 all the powers granted to a peace officer and a police officer of the State.

28 (d) A Maryland Capitol Police officer may exercise the powers described in
29 subsection (c) of this section within the Department’s jurisdiction as specified in § 4–601 of
30 this subtitle provided the police officer:

31 (1) meets the legal requirements set forth by the Maryland Police Training
32 and Standards Commission; and

33 (2) is designated by the Department as a police officer.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 October 1, 2025.