

Chapter 264

(House Bill 338)

AN ACT concerning

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

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

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 4–601 and 4–605
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

Article – State Finance and Procurement

4–601.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(B) (1) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPHS (2) AND (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION, AND IN ADDITION TO THE POWERS CONFERRED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, A POLICE OFFICER OF THE MARYLAND CAPITOL POLICE WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT MAY INVESTIGATE AND OTHERWISE ENFORCE STATEWIDE THE CRIMINAL LAWS, TITLE 12 OF THE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE ARTICLE, AND PARKING AND MOTOR VEHICLE LAWS.

(2) IF A POLICE OFFICER OF THE MARYLAND CAPITOL POLICE WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT EXERCISES THE POWERS GRANTED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, NOTIFICATION OF THE INVESTIGATION AND ENFORCEMENT SHALL BE PROVIDED ~~AS SOON AS REASONABLY PRACTICABLE AND AS APPLICABLE TO:~~

(I) TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE POLICE OR THE DESIGNEE OF THE SECRETARY, REASONABLY IN ADVANCE OF THE INVESTIGATION OR ENFORCEMENT, UNLESS AN EMERGENCY OR EXIGENCY EXISTS; AND

(II) TO THE FOLLOWING, AS APPLICABLE, AFTER THE INVESTIGATION OR ENFORCEMENT:

~~(I)~~ **1.** THE CHIEF OF POLICE OF A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY LISTED IN § 1-101(C)(1)(II) OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY ARTICLE OR THE DESIGNEE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE;

~~(II)~~ **2.** IN A COUNTY IN WHICH THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE PROVIDES GENERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT:

~~1.~~ **A.** THE COMMANDER OF THE LOCAL BARRACKS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE OR THE DESIGNEE OF THE COMMANDER; AND

~~2.~~ **B.** THE SECRETARY OF STATE POLICE OR THE DESIGNEE OF THE SECRETARY;

~~(III)~~ **3. IN BALTIMORE CITY:**

~~1.~~ **A. THE POLICE COMMISSIONER OR THE DESIGNEE OF THE POLICE COMMISSIONER; AND**

~~2.~~ **B. THE SHERIFF OR THE DESIGNEE OF THE SHERIFF; AND**

~~(IV)~~ ~~1.~~ **4. A. THE SECRETARY OF STATE POLICE OR THE DESIGNEE OF THE SECRETARY;**

~~2.~~ **B. THE CHIEF OF POLICE OF THE MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION POLICE FORCE OR THE DESIGNEE OF THE CHIEF;**

~~3.~~ **C. THE CHIEF OF POLICE OF THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SECURED TRANSPORT AND INVESTIGATION UNIT OR THE DESIGNEE OF THE CHIEF; AND**

~~4.~~ **D. THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES POLICE OR THE DESIGNEE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT.**

(3) NOTIFICATION REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH ADOPTED STATE REGULATIONS, POLICIES, PROCEDURES, AND MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING.

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

4-605.

(a) (1) In accordance with the provisions of the State Personnel and Pensions Article, the Secretary may establish a police and security force, known as the Maryland Capitol Police of the Department of General Services, **WITH STATEWIDE JURISDICTION** to protect ~~PUBLIC OFFICIALS,~~ people, and property [on or about improvements, grounds, and multiservice centers under the jurisdiction of the Department, and in the surrounding areas of the buildings and grounds in the State as described] in **ACCORDANCE WITH § 4-601** of this subtitle.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That before a police officer of the Maryland Capitol Police within the Department of General Services exercises the powers granted under this Act in Baltimore City, the Maryland Capitol Police must enter a memorandum of understanding with the Baltimore Police Department.

SECTION ~~2~~ 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2026.

Approved by the Governor, April 28, 2026.