

Chapter 497

(Senate Bill 53)

AN ACT concerning

**Maryland Port Administration – Acquisition of Land in Anne Arundel County –
Notice of Public Hearing**

FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Port Administration to provide written notice to the Anne Arundel County Delegation to the General Assembly ~~prior to a public hearing on the acquisition of land or improvements on land in Anne Arundel County~~ if the Administration makes a certain written request of Anne Arundel County; and generally relating to land acquisition by the Maryland Port Administration in Anne Arundel County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 6–309(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 6–309(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 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 – Transportation

6–309.

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this title, this section controls as to Anne Arundel County.

(b) (1) ~~(H)~~ The Administration may not acquire any interest in land or improvements on land in Anne Arundel County without the prior approval of the county, given after a public hearing.

~~(H) AT LEAST 2 WEEKS BEFORE THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF A PUBLIC HEARING REQUIRED UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL PROVIDE WRITTEN NOTICE OF THE HEARING TO THE ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY DELEGATION TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.~~

(2) This subsection does not affect the right of the Administration to acquire an option for later acquisition of the property or improvements once the approval required by this subsection is obtained.

(3) **(I)** If the Administration makes a written request for approval of the county, the approval required by this subsection is deemed to be given unless the Administration is notified in writing to the contrary within 90 days after it makes the request.

(II) THE ADMINISTRATION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, SHALL PROVIDE WRITTEN NOTICE OF A REQUEST UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH TO THE ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY DELEGATION TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

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

Approved by the Governor, May 12, 2026.