

# HOUSE BILL 160

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By: **Delegates Schindler, Behler, Fair, Kaufman, Palakovich Carr, and Woorman**

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

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; and generally relating to prohibiting Confederate naming of State and  
6 local real property.

7 BY adding to

8 Article – General Provisions

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

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – General Provisions**

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

17 **9–101.**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 (A) IN THIS TITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS  
2 INDICATED.

3 (B) "CONFEDERATE NAME" MEANS ~~A~~ ANY NAME THAT COMMEMORATES OR  
4 REFERENCES ANY ASPECT OF THE STATES IN REBELLION, OPERATING AS THE  
5 CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, FROM 1861 TO 1865 OR ANY PERSON WHO OR  
6 ENTITY THAT SERVED VOLUNTARILY WITH OR ON BEHALF OF THE CONFEDERATE  
7 STATES OF AMERICA IN ANY MILITARY OR CIVILIAN CAPACITY.

8 (C) "POLITICAL SUBDIVISION" MEANS:

9 (1) A COUNTY;

10 (2) A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION;

11 (3) AN UNINCORPORATED TOWN;

12 (4) A SCHOOL DISTRICT; ~~OR~~

13 (5) A SPECIAL DISTRICT; OR

14 (6) THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING  
15 COMMISSION.

16 (D) "REAL PROPERTY" INCLUDES STREETS, BUILDINGS, PARKS, AND  
17 SUBDIVISIONS.

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

20 **9-102.**

21 A STATE ENTITY OR A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE MAY NOT  
22 ASSIGN A CONFEDERATE NAME TO REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE STATE OR  
23 POLITICAL SUBDIVISION.

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be construed to  
25 apply only prospectively and may not be applied or interpreted to have any effect on or  
26 application to any real property, as defined under § 9-101 of the General Provisions Article,  
27 as enacted by Section 1 of this Act, that has a Confederate name, as defined under § 9-101  
28 of the General Provisions Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act, before the effective  
29 date of this Act.

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

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.