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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

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

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

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article – State Finance and Procurement
9 Section 4–601 and 4–605
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – State Finance and Procurement**

15 4–601.

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

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(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;

14 [(6)] (2) other public improvements or grounds designated by law or by
15 the Board of Public Works.

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

2. THE SECRETARY OF STATE POLICE OR THE
2 DESIGNEE OF THE SECRETARY;

3 (III) IN BALTIMORE CITY:

(IV) 1. THE SECRETARY OF STATE POLICE OR THE
9 DESIGNEE OF THE SECRETARY;

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

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

26 4-605.

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

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

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

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

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

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

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take

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21 1, 2026.