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CHAPTER _____

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

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 laws and the parking and motor vehicle laws as to the operation, maintenance, and
2 protection of:

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

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

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

14 (4) buildings and grounds that, on June 30, 2019, were administered by the
15 Maryland Department of Labor, and extending to the surrounding area that encompasses
16 1,000 feet in any direction from the boundary of those buildings;

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

20 [(6)] (2) other public improvements or grounds designated by law or by
21 the Board of Public Works.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

15 ~~2.~~ B. THE SHERIFF OR THE DESIGNEE OF THE SHERIFF;
16 AND

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

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

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

24 ~~4.~~ D. THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE MARYLAND
25 DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES POLICE OR THE DESIGNEE OF THE
26 SUPERINTENDENT.

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

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

6 4–605.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

33 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
34 1, 2026.