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By: **Senator Henson**

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

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

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

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

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

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

18 [(6)] (2) other public improvements or grounds designated by law or by
19 the Board of Public Works.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

13 ~~2.~~ B. THE SHERIFF OR THE DESIGNEE OF THE SHERIFF;
14 AND

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

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

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

22 ~~4.~~ D. THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE MARYLAND
23 DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES POLICE OR THE DESIGNEE OF THE
24 SUPERINTENDENT.

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

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

1 4–605.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

28 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
29 1, 2026.