

SENATE BILL 821

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By: **Senator Smith**

Introduced and read first time: February 6, 2026

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Abandoned Sears Building – Acquisition by the Department of General Services**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of General Services to initiate proceedings
4 for the acquisition of a certain property on or before a certain date; and generally
5 relating to the acquisition of the property known as the Abandoned Sears Building
6 by the Department of General Services.

7 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
8 That:

9 (a) On or before December 31, 2026, the Department of General Services shall
10 initiate proceedings to acquire the property located at 11255 New Hampshire Avenue,
11 Silver Spring, Maryland, 20904, otherwise known as the Abandoned Sears Building.

12 (b) The Department of General Services shall acquire the property as quickly as
13 is practicable:

14 (1) by purchase or, in accordance with Title 12 of the Real Property Article
15 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, condemnation; and

16 (2) for a public purpose.

17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
18 1, 2026.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

