

# SENATE BILL 126

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By: **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Natural Resources)**

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

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Department of Natural Resources – ~~Maryland~~ Land Preservation and**  
3 **Recreation ~~Plan~~ Plans**

4 FOR the purpose of ~~establishing a minimum~~ altering the time frame frames for  
5 preparation and revision of the Maryland Land Preservation and Recreation  
6 Plan and certain local land preservation and recreation plans; requiring  
7 consultation with local governments when preparing the Maryland Plan;  
8 making a stylistic change; and generally relating to ~~the Maryland Land~~  
9 ~~Preservation and Recreation Plan~~ land preservation and recreation plans.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
11 Article – Natural Resources  
12 Section 5–905(b)(2) and 5–906(b)  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – Natural Resources**

18 5–905.

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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           (b)   (2)   A local governing body shall prepare a local land preservation and  
 2 recreation plan with acquisition goals based upon the most current population data  
 3 available from the Department of Planning and submit it to the Department and to  
 4 the Department of Planning for joint approval according to the criteria and goals set  
 5 forth in guidelines prepared by the Department and the Department of Planning. A  
 6 local governing body shall revise its local land preservation and recreation plan at  
 7 least every [six] 5 years and submit the revised local plan to the Department and to  
 8 the Department of Planning for joint approval [one] 1 year prior to the revision of the  
 9 Maryland Land Preservation and Recreation Plan. Prior to approval of a revised local  
 10 plan, the Department shall provide the legislators from the district within which any  
 11 part of the local jurisdiction is located the opportunity to review and comment on the  
 12 revised local plan.

13   5-906.

14           (b)   Every acquisition and development project funded by the State in whole  
 15 or in part shall meet needs identified in the Maryland Land Preservation and  
 16 Recreation Plan prepared and revised ~~AT LEAST~~ every ~~6~~ 5 years by the Department in  
 17 consultation with the Department of Planning **AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS**. The  
 18 document shall identify and recommend for State acquisition efforts those resource  
 19 areas facing the most intense or immediate development pressure. These resource  
 20 areas shall be designated as targeted areas. The document and any changes to it shall  
 21 be distributed to every local governing body.

22           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
 23 June 1, 2012.

Approved:

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Governor.

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President of the Senate.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.