

CHAPTER 347

(Senate Bill 602)

AN ACT concerning

Garrett County - Acquisition of Land by the Department
of Natural Resources

FOR the purpose of ~~repealing~~ amending certain limitations on the amount of land that may be acquired by the Department of Natural Resources in Garrett County; and generally relating to the acquisition of land in Garrett County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Natural Resources
Section ~~4-401~~, 5-207(a), ~~and 10-801~~
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1983 Replacement Volume and 1988 Supplement)

Preamble

WHEREAS, The General Assembly finds and declares that there has been a long legislative history of measures that have placed or attempted to place limits or caps on the amount of land that the Department of Natural Resources owns in Garrett County; and

WHEREAS, The measures passed by the General Assembly and signed into law by the Governor are:

(1) Chapter 679 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1983, which placed the first limitations on the use of funds under Program Open Space to acquire land in Garrett County;

(2) Chapter 734 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1984, which tried to upgrade the State's oversight of the Youghiogheny River;

(3) Chapter 847 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1986, which placed limits on the use of funds under the Heritage Conservation Fund and other sources to acquire certain additional lands in Garrett County after June 30, 1986;

(4) Chapter 848 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1986, which placed limits on the use of any funds to acquire certain additional lands in Garrett County after June 30, 1986; and

(5) Chapter 50 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1987, which stated the circumstances under which the Department could acquire land in Garrett County; and