

a member of the Council on the effective date of this Act shall remain a member for the balance of the term to which appointed, unless the member sooner dies, resigns, or is removed under provisions of law.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, except as otherwise provided by law, all property, including all real and personal property, records, fixtures, appropriations, credits, assets, liabilities, obligations, rights, and privileges, held by the Vehicle Theft Prevention Council of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, on May 31, 1997, shall be transferred to the Department of State Police.

SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, except as otherwise provided by law, all existing laws, rules and regulations, proposed rules and regulations, standards and guidelines, policies, orders and other directives, forms, plans, memberships, contracts, property, and administrative responsibilities associated with, and all matters pending before the Vehicle Theft Prevention Council, as of May 31, 1997, shall continue in effect under the Department of State Police, until completed, withdrawn, canceled, modified, or otherwise changed pursuant to law.

SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That all contracts, agreements, grants, or other obligations entered into by the Vehicle Theft Prevention Council, prior to June 1, 1997, are hereby declared to be valid, legal and binding obligations of the Department of State Police, enforceable in accordance with their terms.

SECTION 7. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) The publishers of the Annotated Code of Maryland, subject to the approval of the Department of Legislative Reference, shall propose the correction of any agency names and titles throughout the Annotated Code that are rendered incorrect by this Act.

(b) The Department of Legislative Reference, in conjunction with the publishers of the Annotated Code of Maryland, shall revise the Code to conform it to the transfer of the Vehicle Theft Prevention Council of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to the Department of State Police under this Act, and this statutory revision shall be ratified by passage of the Annual Corrective Bill of 1998.

SECTION 8. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1997.

Approved May 8, 1997.

CHAPTER 435

(House Bill 377)

AN ACT concerning

Creation of a State Debt – Baltimore City – National Katyn Memorial

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$200,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the National Katyn