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5-207. PURCHASES AND GIFTS OF LANDS.

(A) IN GENERAL.--THE DEPARTMENT MAY PURCHASE AND MANAGE LANDS IN THE NAME OF THE STATE, SUITABLE FOR FOREST CULTURE, RESERVES, WATERSHED PROTECTION, STATE PARKS, SCENIC PRESERVES, HISTORIC MONUMENTS, PARKWAYS, AND STATE RECREATIONAL RESERVES, USING FOR THESE PURPOSES ANY SPECIAL APPROPRIATION OR SURPLUS MONEY NOT OTHERWISE APPROPRIATED, WHICH IS STANDING TO THE CREDIT OF THE FOREST RESERVE OR PARK RESERVE FUND. HOWEVER, AN INDIVIDUAL TRACT OF LAND IN EXCESS OF 100 ACRES MAY NOT BE PURCHASED IN GARRETT COUNTY, EXCEPT WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THAT COUNTY. THE DEPARTMENT MAY ACCEPT ANY GIFT OF LAND IN THE NAME OF THE STATE TO BE HELD, PROTECTED, AND ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT AS STATE PARKS, FORESTS, OR OTHER RESERVES, AND USED TO DEMONSTRATE THE PRACTICAL UTILITY OF THE LAND FOR RECREATIONAL AREAS, STATE PARKS, SCENIC PRESERVES, PARKWAYS, HISTORIC MONUMENTS, TIMBER CULTURE, WATER CONSERVATION, AND AS A BREEDING PLACE FOR WILDLIFE. ANY GIFT SHALL BE ABSOLUTE EXCEPT FOR THE RESERVATION OF MINERAL AND MINING RIGHTS OVER AND UNDER THE LAND, AND A STIPULATION THAT IT SHALL BE ADMINISTERED AS A STATE FOREST RESERVE OR RECREATION AREA.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection presently appears as Article 66C, section 345 of the Code. It is intended that the receipt by the department of any gift is subject to the provisions of Article 15A, section 5. The last phrase of the section is proposed for deletion as unnecessary since in any event this function normally is exercised by the Attorney General's office. The only other changes made are in style.

(B) GIFTS FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.--THE DEPARTMENT MAY ACCEPT GIFTS, DONATIONS, OR CONTRIBUTIONS OF LAND FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OR ANY OF ITS AGENCIES, ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OR ANY OF ITS AGENCIES, AND ACQUIRE BY LEASE, PURCHASE, OR OTHERWISE, LANDS THE DEPARTMENT DEEMS SUITABLE FOR STATE FORESTS OR PARKS. THE DEPARTMENT MAY MAKE EXPENDITURES FROM ANY FUNDS NOT OTHERWISE OBLIGATED FOR THE MANAGEMENT, DEVELOPMENT,