

CHAPTER 597

(House Bill 1804)

AN ACT concerning

Hall of Records Commission - Central Depository for
State Real Property Records

FOR the purpose of designating the Hall of Records Commission as the Central Depository for all pertinent records relating to real property acquired by the State and authorizing the delegation of this responsibility.

BY adding to

Article 54 - Hall of Records
Section 12
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1972 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That new Section 12 be and it is hereby added to Article 54 - Hall of Records, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1972 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement) to read as follows:

Article 54 - Hall of Records

12.

(A) THE COMMISSION SHALL BE THE OFFICIAL CUSTODIAN, AND CENTRAL DEPOSITORY, FOR ALL DEEDS, TITLE INSURANCE POLICIES AND OTHER PERTINENT RECORDS, CURRENT OR NONCURRENT, RELATING TO REAL PROPERTY ACQUIRED BY THE STATE OF MARYLAND. IT IS THE DUTY OF THE COMMISSION TO MAINTAIN AN INDEXED REGISTER OF ALL DEEDS, TITLE INSURANCE POLICIES AND OTHER PERTINENT RECORDS, WITH THE AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE CERTIFIED COPIES OF SUCH RECORDS TO ANY INTERESTED PERSON.

(B) THE COMMISSION MAY DELEGATE THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE HOUSING AND CARE OF ORIGINAL RECORDS RELATING TO STATE OWNED REAL PROPERTY IF SUCH RECORDS ARE NECESSARY FOR THE DAILY OPERATION OF A STATE AGENCY. A STATE AGENCY REQUESTING THE DELEGATION OF SUCH RESPONSIBILITY SHALL DEMONSTRATE TO THE COMMISSION THAT SUCH RECORDS WILL BE ADEQUATELY HOUSED AND MAINTAINED. IF THE COMMISSION DELEGATES RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE CARE OF RECORDS RELATING TO STATE OWNED REAL PROPERTY, SECURITY MICROFORM COPIES OF SUCH RECORDS SHALL BE DEPOSITED WITH THE HALL OF RECORDS IN LIEU OF THE ORIGINALS.