

and testimony, and cause the deposition of witnesses, residing either within or without the State, to be taken in the manner prescribed by law or rule of procedure for taking depositions in civil actions. If any person fails to comply with a subpoena issued by the Legislative Policy Committee, or any standing committee as permitted by this section, or if any witness fails to testify on any matters on which the person may be lawfully interrogated, the circuit court of any county, or an appropriate court of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City, on application of a member of the committee, shall compel obedience by proceedings for contempt. False swearing by any witness before the Legislative Policy Committee or any standing committee constitutes and is punishable as perjury.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1977.

Approved May 26, 1977.

CHAPTER 781

(House Bill 583)

AN ACT concerning

Program Open Space - Allocations for Fiscal Year 1978

FOR the purpose of designating Program Open Space projects which are to be funded under the Outdoor Recreation Land Loan of 1969 during the fiscal year 1978; resolving any possible doubts about the validity and effectiveness of such designation which might arise from a conclusion that such designation is an appropriation of State debt requiring in the same measure a provision for collection of an annual tax or taxes to provide for principal and interest payments on that debt; providing for use of Federal Land and Water Conservation Funds by the Department of Natural Resources and local governing bodies to supplement State natural resources land acquisition and development programs; and relating generally to the provisions of the Outdoor Recreation Land Loan of 1969.

By repealing and reenacting, without amendment,

Chapter 403 of the Acts of 1969
Sections 6 and 7

(As amended by Chapter 4 of the Acts of the Special Session of December 16, 1969; and as repealed and reenacted without change by Chapter 702 of the Acts of 1970; Chapter 730 of the Acts of 1971; Chapter