

## CHAPTER 788

(House Bill 796)

## AN ACT concerning

## Forest or Park - Reserve Fund

FOR the purpose of increasing a certain percent of revenue to be paid to ~~the~~ certain counties from the Forest or Park Reserve Fund; increasing the excess amount; and providing for an abnormal effective date.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Natural Resources  
Section 5-212  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1974 Volume and 1976 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 5-212 of Article - Natural Resources, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1974 Volume and 1976 Supplement) be and it is hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

## Article - Natural Resources

## 5-212.

A special Forest or Park Reserve Fund is created and continued within the Department. Any money obtained from the State forest reserves, State parks, scenic reserves, parkways, historic monuments, and recreation areas, together with any fine collected pursuant to § 5-1302 of this title, shall be paid into the Fund. Each county in which any State forest or park reserve is located shall be paid annually out of the Fund ~~[-15-]~~ 25 percent of the revenue derived from the State forest or park reserve located in that county. EACH COUNTY IN WHICH THE FOREST OR PARK RESERVE REPRESENTS COMPRISES 10 PERCENT OR MORE OF THE TOTAL LAND ACREAGE AREA OF THAT COUNTY SHALL BE PAID ANNUALLY OUT OF THE FUND A SUM EQUAL TO 25 PERCENT OF THE REVENUES DERIVED FROM THAT ACREAGE THE STATE FOREST OR PARK RESERVE LOCATED IN THAT COUNTY. On July 1 of each year, the balance of money in the Forest or Park Reserve Fund in excess of ~~[\$175,000]~~ \$275,000 shall be paid over to the general funds of the State.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1978.

Approved May 26, 1977.