

(D) THE CONCESSIONS MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION SHALL ADVISE THE SECRETARY OF NATURAL RESOURCES ON ANY PLANS PREPARED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CONCESSIONS MANAGEMENT PROPOSALS ON LANDS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

(E) THE GOVERNOR SHALL SUBMIT THE PROPOSED PLAN AND PROGRAM, AND ANY PERIODIC UPDATING, TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND NOT LATER THAN THE TENTH DAY OF THE NEXT REGULAR LEGISLATIVE SESSION, FOR APPROVAL BY JOINT RESOLUTION. SHOULD THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FAIL TO ENACT A JOINT RESOLUTION APPROVING OR AMENDING THE PROPOSED PLAN AND PROGRAM BEFORE THE END OF THE SESSION, IT SHALL STAND APPROVED AS SUBMITTED. DURING THE INTERIM THE PROPOSED PLANS OR PROGRAMS SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE FOR APPROVAL.

~~(F) -- EACH CONCESSION FACILITY -- PROPOSED -- FOR -- A -- FISCAL YEAR, -- REGARDLESS -- OF -- THE -- SOURCE -- OF -- FUNDING -- OF -- THE -- FACILITY, -- SHALL -- BE -- INCLUDED -- IN -- THE -- ANNUAL -- GENERAL -- CONSTRUCTION -- LOAN -- FOR -- THAT -- FISCAL -- YEAR -- WHICH -- IS -- SUBMITTED -- TO -- THE -- GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- FOR -- ITS -- CONSIDERATION.~~

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1981.

May 19, 1981

The Honorable James Clark, Jr.
President of the Senate
State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21404

Dear Mr. President:

Senate Bill 624 authorizes the Department of Natural Resources to enter into concession management agreements to provide public concession facilities that enhance the recreational use of the lands administered by the Department. As amended, the bill entails a rather involved process of review and approval before an agreement may be effective.

As originally introduced, the bill proposed a relatively simple program to seek private investment in concession facilities while providing procedural safeguards, including review and comment from local representatives, to assure that the construction or operation of a facility proposed under the program would not cause over commercialization of the public land involved and otherwise would be in the public's best interest. I think that the bill in its original form was a fair attempt to accomplish a laudable goal. The bill, however, was extensively amended.

Included among the amendments, under § 5-210.1(e) of the Natural Resources Article, is a provision that provides: