

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 for State forest, park, or recreation purposes.

(2) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS CODE, AFTER JUNE 30, 1986, THE DEPARTMENT MAY NOT USE ANY FUNDS, WHETHER UNDER PROGRAM OPEN SPACE OR OTHERWISE, TO ACQUIRE LAND IN GARRETT COUNTY IN EXCESS OF THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF LAND OWNED BY THE DEPARTMENT IN THAT COUNTY ON JUNE 30, 1986. THIS PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT PROHIBIT THE DEPARTMENT FROM EXCHANGING USING ANY FUNDS TO EXCHANGE LAND IN GARRETT COUNTY, AS LONG AS THE TOTAL ACREAGE DOES NOT EXCEED THAT AMOUNT OWNED BY THE DEPARTMENT ON JUNE 30, 1986.

Chapter 403 of the Acts of 1969, as amended by
Chapter 679 of the Acts of 1983

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The Department of Natural Resources may not use Program Open Space funds to acquire land in Garrett County in excess of the total amount of land owned by the Department in that county on June 1, 1983. This section does not prohibit the Department from exchanging land, as long as the total acreage does not exceed that amount owned by the Department on June 1, 1983.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1986.

May 27, 1986

The Honorable Benjamin L. Cardin
Speaker of the House of Delegates
State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21404

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill 755.

This bill allows the court to suspend at its discretion that portion of the sentence that exceeds the mandatory 10-year sentence for individuals previously convicted of drug offenses.