

space purposes under certain circumstances; requiring local governing bodies to submit certain plans and revisions to certain Departments for approval according to certain criteria and goals; requiring a certain certification process prior to the release of certain moneys; and allowing a local governing body at certain times to use certain funds under Program Open Space in certain percentages between acquisition or development of land if the local jurisdiction meets certain goals under Program Open Space; renaming a certain State plan and establishing that it will be reviewed triennially; and requiring certain Departments to submit a certain report to the Governor and to the General Assembly.

BY repealing and reenacting, without with amendments,

Article - Natural Resources
 Section 5-905(c) ~~and (e)~~, (d), (e), and (f), and 5-906(b)
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (1983 Replacement Volume and 1986 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article --- Natural Resources
 Section 5-905(i), (j), (k), and (l)
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (1983 Replacement Volume and 1986 Supplement)

BY renumbering

Article - Natural Resources
 Section 5-905(g) and (h), respectively
 to be Section 5-905(e) and (f), respectively
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (1983 Replacement Volume and 1986 Supplement)

Preamble

WHEREAS, The statutory requirement which sets forth the manner in which Maryland's 23 subdivisions and Baltimore City are to spend their annual apportionment of funds under Program Open Space has not changed since the enactment of Chapter 626 of the Acts of 1972; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 626 of the Acts of 1972 mandates that each subdivision, excluding Baltimore City which is unrestricted relative to the usage of its annual open space apportionment, use at least one-half of its annual open space apportionment for acquisition projects and the other half for acquisition or development projects with a State reimbursement rate for such projects equal to 100% and 75%, respectively; and