

Sincerely,
Parris N. Glendening
Governor

House Bill No. 1059

AN ACT concerning

**Municipal Corporations - Express Powers - Eminent Domain - Development or
Redevelopment**

FOR the purpose of expanding the express powers ~~of the~~ of certain municipal corporations in the State to include the power to acquire land or property for development or redevelopment and to dispose of the land or property under certain circumstances; prohibiting land or property from being taken by exercising the power of eminent domain under the provisions of this Act without just compensation being first paid to the party entitled to the compensation; declaring that all land or property taken under the provisions of this Act are needed or taken for a public use or a public benefit; requiring that a certain finding or determination be made before the acquisition of any single family or multiple family dwelling unit, or structure, is taken under the provisions of this Act; requiring the legislative body of a municipal corporation to adopt an ordinance for each acquisition made under the provisions of this Act; and generally relating to the authority of certain municipal corporations to exercise the power of eminent domain for development or redevelopment.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article 23A - Corporations - Municipal

Section 2(b)(24)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1994 Replacement Volume)

BY adding to

Article 23A - Corporations - Municipal

Section 2(b)(37)

Annotated Code of Maryland

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**SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:**

Article 23A - Corporations - Municipal

2.

(b) In addition to, but not in substitution of, the powers which have been, or may hereafter be, granted to it, such legislative body also shall have the following express ordinance-making powers: