

to the credit of the Forest or Park Reserve Fund in accordance with the provisions of § 5-212. However, at least 50 percent of the gross revenues derived from the lands may be devoted to the payment of any obligations for the purchase incurred under the provisions of this subsection, until the obligations are fully paid.

(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a lease into which the Department enters after July 1, 1979 for any land acquired under this title is not subject to redemption of the tenant, unless the lease expressly provides otherwise.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2003.

Approved May 13, 2003.

CHAPTER 335

(House Bill 888)

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Military Installation Strategic Planning Council

FOR the purpose of establishing a Maryland Military Installation Strategic Planning Council; providing for the membership, purposes, and staffing of the Council; requiring the Council to report to certain persons by a certain date; providing for the effective date and termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Maryland Military Installation Strategic Planning Council.

Preamble

WHEREAS, Maryland plays a prominent role in our nation's defense through its many defense laboratories, private sector companies, and military installations; and

WHEREAS, Those military installations will be scrutinized as part of the United States Department of Defense's Efficient Facilities Initiative (EFI), otherwise known as the "BRAC of 2005", a review process that is expected to close up to 25% of the existing military bases in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Maryland's industries, universities, businesses, and workers have contributed to our nation's defense, utilizing their capital, talents, and skills to develop and produce important new technologies and advanced weapons systems, aircraft, and missiles; and

WHEREAS, Maryland needs a focused, coordinated federal military installation retention effort within the State in order to protect the existing defense installations and facilities within the State; now, therefore,

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That: