

SECTION ~~2~~ 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, subject to the provisions of Section 2 of this Act, this Act shall take effect July 1, 2007.

Approved by the Governor, April 10, 2007.

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## CHAPTER 40

(House Bill 1336)

AN ACT concerning

### 2007 Darfur Protection Act – Divestiture from the Republic of Sudan

FOR the purpose of requiring the Board of Trustees of the State Retirement and Pension System to review certain investment holdings; requiring the Board of Trustees to encourage certain companies to take certain actions; requiring the Board of Trustees to provide written notice to certain companies; authorizing the Board of Trustees to take divestment action with regard to certain investments; prohibiting the Board of Trustees from acquiring certain securities; requiring the Board of Trustees to take certain issues into account prior to taking certain actions; requiring the Board of Trustees to publish certain reports containing certain information on or before a certain date; defining certain terms; providing for the termination of this Act under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the divestment of investments from the Republic of Sudan.

BY adding to

Article – State Personnel and Pensions

Section 21-123.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2004 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

#### Preamble

WHEREAS, On September 9, 2004, Secretary of State Colin L. Powell told the United States Senate Foreign Relations Committee that “genocide has occurred and may still be occurring in Darfur” and “the Government of Sudan and the Janjaweed bear responsibility”; and

WHEREAS, On September 21, 2004, addressing the United Nations General Assembly, President George W. Bush affirmed the Secretary of State’s finding and