

~~E. In fiscal year 2002 and each fiscal year thereafter, \$8 million.~~

2. In each fiscal year, up to \$2 million of the funds transferred under this subparagraph to the Rural Legacy Program may be used to purchase zero coupon bonds for easements.

3. Sums allocated to the Rural Legacy Program may not revert to the General Fund of the State.

~~(3) OF THE REMAINING FUNDS NOT APPROPRIATED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, 20% OF THE FUNDS OR \$21 MILLION, WHICHEVER IS GREATER, SHALL BE APPROPRIATED TO THE FOREST AND PARK SERVICE IN THE DEPARTMENT TO OPERATE STATE FORESTS AND PARKS.~~

(b) ~~Of THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL APPROPRIATE~~ the remaining funds not appropriated under subsection ~~(a)(1) (A)~~ of this section, ~~the General Assembly shall appropriate the other half of the funds AS FOLLOWS:~~

~~(1) \$21,000,000 TO THE FOREST AND PARK SERVICE IN THE DEPARTMENT TO OPERATE STATE FORESTS AND PARKS; AND~~

~~(2) THE REMAINDER~~ to assist local governing bodies in acquisition and development of land for recreation and open space purposes.

SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

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(a) In this Part I of this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

(b) "Bill" includes a joint resolution.

(c) "Mandate" means a directive in a bill requiring a local government unit to perform a task or assume a responsibility that has a discernible fiscal impact on the local government unit.

(d) "MANDATED APPROPRIATION" MEANS A REQUIREMENT IN A BILL THAT THE GOVERNOR PROVIDE A CERTAIN LEVEL OF FUNDING IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL FOR A SPECIFIC PROGRAM IN THE STATE.