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- (A) Any EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, ANY object or material of historical or archaeological value or interest found on a SUBMERGED OR terrestrial archaeological site or land the State owns or controls is the property of the State, EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE FOR SUBMERGED ARCHAEOLOGICAL HISTORIC PROPERTY. It shall be deposited for permanent preservation in a reputable museum, institution of higher education, or with a recognized scientific or historical institution or organization.
- (B) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF STATE LAW, AND SUBJECT TO APPLICABLE FEDERAL LAW, THE TRUST MAY TRANSFER ANY HUMAN REMAINS, INCLUDING NATIVE AMERICAN HUMAN REMAINS, IN ITS POSSESSION, CUSTODY, OR CONTROL, IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER OF PRIORITY TO:
  - (1) DESCENDANTS OF THE DECEASED:
- (2) GROUPS CULTURALLY AFFILIATED WITH THE DECEASED, INCLUDING NATIVE AMERICAN TRIBES, BANDS, GROUPS, OR CLANS: OR
- (3) AN APPROPRIATE PLACE OF REPOSE, SUBJECT TO LATER TRANSFER TO:
- (1) ANY PERSON OR GROUP OF PERSONS LISTED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OR (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION; OR
- (II) A REPUTABLE MUSEUM, INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION, OR RECOGNIZED SCIENTIFIC OR HISTORICAL INSTITUTION OR ORGANIZATION FOR STUDY, IF STUDY OF THE HUMAN REMAINS:
- 1. IS AN ESSENTIAL PART OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH, THE OUTCOME OF WHICH PROBABLY WILL BE OF MAJOR BENEFIT TO MARYLAND; AND
- 2. WILL BE COMPLETED AND THE ITEMS RETURNED TO THE TRUST NO LATER THAN 1 YEAR FROM THE DATE OF TRANSFER.
- (C) THE TRUST SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.
- (B) (1) SUBJECT TO APPLICABLE FEDERAL LAW, AND SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE TRUST MAY TRANSFER ANY HUMAN REMAINS, INCLUDING NATIVE AMERICAN HUMAN REMAINS, IN ITS POSSESSION, CUSTODY, OR CONTROL TO AN APPROPRIATE PLACE OF REPOSE.