

Annotated Code of Maryland
(1993 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

Article - Transportation

SUBTITLE 4A. AIRPORT EASEMENTS - FUTURE DEVELOPMENT.

5-4A-01.

(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION, "AIRPORT DISTRICT" MEANS:

(I) DESIGNATED LAND ON WHICH A PRIVATELY OWNED COMMERCIAL OR PUBLIC USE AIRPORT IS SITUATED; AND

(II) DESIGNATED PRIVATE LAND PROXIMATE TO A COMMERCIAL OR PUBLIC USE AIRPORT.

(2) "COMMERCIAL USE AIRPORT" MEANS A PUBLICLY OR PRIVATELY OWNED AIRPORT AT WHICH:

(I) LANDING OR TIE DOWN FEES ARE CHARGED;

(II) AVIATION FUEL OR OIL IS SOLD;

(III) SPACE IS RENTED;

(IV) GOODS OR SERVICES ARE SOLD; OR

(V) OTHER ACTIVITIES ARE CARRIED OUT FOR REMUNERATION.

(3) "PUBLIC USE AIRPORT" MEANS ANY PUBLICLY OR PRIVATELY OWNED AIRPORT THAT IS OPEN TO FLIGHT OPERATIONS BY THE PUBLIC.

(B) IT IS THE INTENT OF THE MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO ESTABLISH AND PRESERVE AIRPORT DISTRICTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF:

(1) CONSERVING LAND THAT IS AVAILABLE FOR THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF AIRPORTS;

(2) ENSURING ACCESS TO COMMERCIAL AND RECREATIONAL AVIATION IN THE STATE; AND

(3) PROTECTING AIRPORTS AND LAND PROXIMATE TO AIRPORTS AS OPEN SPACE LAND.

(C) (1) A COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION CONTAINING A COMMERCIAL OR PUBLIC USE AIRPORT MAY:

(I) ESTABLISH A POLICY FOR PRESERVING LAND FOR AIRPORTS;

(II) ESTABLISH AIRPORT DISTRICTS;