

# HOUSE BILL 1550

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EMERGENCY BILL

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Department of General Services Police - Jurisdiction, Authority, and**  
3 **Responsibility**

4 FOR the purpose of providing that the Department of General Services has full police  
5 jurisdiction and authority for the enforcement of certain laws as they relate to  
6 certain properties, including the surrounding areas of certain properties in  
7 ~~Annapolis; expanding the authority of the Secretary of General Services with~~  
8 ~~regard to the Department's police and security force and with regard to its~~  
9 ~~responsibility for law enforcement for certain properties, including the~~  
10 ~~surrounding areas of certain properties in Annapolis~~ Annapolis and Baltimore  
11 City; authorizing the Secretary of General Services to establish a certain police  
12 force to protect people and property in certain areas; making certain provisions  
13 relating to the Department of General Services security force applicable to the  
14 police force authorized under this Act; establishing that the Secretary of  
15 General Services has concurrent authority with certain chiefs of police to  
16 enforce the criminal laws in certain areas, including in the surrounding areas of  
17 certain properties in Annapolis and Baltimore City, and the parking and motor  
18 vehicle laws in the surrounding areas of certain properties in Annapolis and  
19 Baltimore City; repealing ~~a provision~~ certain limitations relating to the  
20 concurrent authority of the Secretary of General Services and certain chiefs of  
21 police; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to the  
22 jurisdiction, authority, and responsibility of the Department of General Services  
23 Police.

24 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

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### EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 Article – State Finance and Procurement  
2 Section 4–601, 4–605, and 4–606  
3 Annotated Code of Maryland  
4 (2006 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

5 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
6 Article – State Finance and Procurement  
7 Section 4–602, 4–603, and 4–604  
8 Annotated Code of Maryland  
9 (2006 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

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

12 **Article – State Finance and Procurement**

13 4–601.

14 The Department has jurisdiction over **AND FULL POLICE AUTHORITY FOR**  
15 **THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE CRIMINAL LAWS AND THE PARKING AND MOTOR**  
16 **VEHICLE LAWS AS TO** the operation, maintenance, and protection of:

17 (1) buildings and grounds that, on June 30, 1984, were administered  
18 by the Office of Annapolis Public Buildings and Grounds, **AND EXTENDING TO THE**  
19 **SURROUNDING AREA THAT ENCOMPASSES 1,000 FEET IN ANY DIRECTION FROM**  
20 **THE BOUNDARY OF THOSE BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS;**

21 (2) buildings and grounds that, on June 30, 1984, were administered  
22 by the Office of Baltimore Public Buildings and Grounds, **AND EXTENDING TO THE**  
23 **SURROUNDING AREA THAT ENCOMPASSES 1,000 FEET IN ANY DIRECTION FROM**  
24 **THE BOUNDARY OF THOSE BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS;**

25 (3) multiservice centers designated by law or by the Board of Public  
26 Works; and

27 (4) other public improvements or grounds designated by law or by the  
28 Board of Public Works.

29 4–602.

30 (a) In accordance with the provisions of the State Personnel and Pensions  
31 Article, the Secretary may appoint and remove superintendents to supervise  
32 designated improvements, grounds, and multiservice centers under the jurisdiction of  
33 the Department, including those in Annapolis and Baltimore City.

34 (b) A superintendent shall perform the duties delegated by the Secretary.

1 (c) A superintendent is entitled to compensation in accordance with the  
2 State budget.

3 4-603.

4 The Secretary may establish divisions or offices in the Department to carry out  
5 the responsibilities for improvements, grounds, and multiservice centers under the  
6 jurisdiction of the Department.

7 4-604.

8 For all improvements, grounds, and multiservice centers under the jurisdiction  
9 of the Department, the responsibilities of the Department include:

10 (1) keeping a complete inventory of movable property assigned to the  
11 Department;

12 (2) supervising utility and sanitation services and fire and safety  
13 systems;

14 (3) supervising repairs and other work;

15 (4) landscaping;

16 (5) purchasing carpets, equipment, furniture, and supplies;

17 (6) protecting persons and property, including dispersing any  
18 assemblage that is unlawful, is dangerous, or obstructs free passage;

19 (7) preserving and protecting the public peace, health, and safety; and

20 (8) controlling pedestrian and vehicular traffic, including establishing  
21 of speed limits and parking and impoundment regulations for parking garages, surface  
22 parking lots, roads, and sidewalks that are owned or leased by the State and that are  
23 within the improvements, grounds, and multiservice centers.

24 4-605.

25 (a) (1) In accordance with the provisions of the State Personnel and  
26 Pensions Article, the Secretary may establish a **POLICE AND** security force to protect  
27 people and property on or about improvements, grounds, and multiservice centers  
28 under the jurisdiction of the Department, **AND IN THE SURROUNDING AREAS OF**  
29 **THE BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS IN ANNAPOLIS AND BALTIMORE CITY AS**  
30 **DESCRIBED IN § 4-601(1) AND (2) OF THIS SUBTITLE.**

31 (2) The **POLICE AND** security force may include sworn police officers.

1 (b) A member of the **POLICE AND** security force may not be involuntarily  
2 transferred from a site to another site.

3 (c) A member of the **POLICE AND** security force has the same powers as a  
4 sheriff or police officer under § 2–101 of the Criminal Procedure Article only if the  
5 member:

6 (1) meets the legal requirements set forth by the Maryland Police  
7 Training Commission; and

8 (2) is designated by the Department as a police officer.

9 4–606.

10 (a) In this section, “Chief of Police” means:

11 (1) as to improvements, grounds, and multiservice centers in the City  
12 of Annapolis, the Chief of Police of the City of Annapolis;

13 (2) as to improvements, grounds, and multiservice centers in  
14 Baltimore City, the Police Commissioner of Baltimore City; and

15 (3) as to improvements, grounds, and multiservice centers not located  
16 in the City of Annapolis or Baltimore City, the head of the local police force of the  
17 county in which the improvements, grounds, or multiservice centers are located.

18 (b) [Subject to subsection (c) of this section, the] **THE** Secretary has  
19 concurrent authority with the Chief of Police to enforce **THE CRIMINAL LAWS AND**  
20 parking and motor vehicle laws on streets adjacent to all improvements, grounds, and  
21 multiservice centers under the jurisdiction of the Department, **AND IN THE**  
22 **SURROUNDING AREAS OF THE BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS IN ANNAPOLIS AND**  
23 **BALTIMORE CITY AS DESCRIBED IN § 4–601(1) AND (2) OF THIS SUBTITLE.**

24 [(c) The concurrent authority conferred by subsection (b) of this section:

25 (1) is subject to any conditions prescribed by the Chief of Police; and

26 (2) applies only to streets designated by the Chief of Police.]

27 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act ~~shall take effect~~  
28 ~~October 1, 2008~~ is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation  
29 of the public health or safety, has been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by  
30 three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General  
31 Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is enacted.