

# HOUSE BILL 631

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By: **Delegate Beitzel**

Introduced and read first time: January 22, 2021

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Lakes Protection and Restoration Fund – Purpose, Use, and**  
3 **Funding – Sunset Extension**

4 FOR the purpose of extending the termination date applicable to certain provisions relating  
5 to the purpose, use, and funding of the State Lakes Protection and Restoration Fund;  
6 and generally relating to the State Lakes Protection and Restoration Fund.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
8 Article – Natural Resources  
9 Section 8–205  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
13 Chapter 698 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2018  
14 Section 3

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

17 **Article – Natural Resources**

18 8–205.

19 (a) In this section, “Fund” means the State Lakes Protection and Restoration  
20 Fund.

21 (b) There is a State Lakes Protection and Restoration Fund.

22 (c) The purpose of the Fund is to protect and restore State–owned or  
23 State–managed lakes by:

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (1) Removing sediment;

2 (2) Treating contaminated sediment;

3 (3) Preventing the spread of invasive species;

4 (4) Improving ecological and recreational value; and

5 (5) Taking any other action the Department determines is necessary.

6 (d) The Secretary shall administer the Fund.

7 (e) (1) The Fund is a special, nonlapsing fund that is not subject to § 7–302 of  
8 the State Finance and Procurement Article.

9 (2) The State Treasurer shall hold the Fund separately, and the  
10 Comptroller shall account for the Fund.

11 (f) The Fund consists of:

12 (1) Money appropriated in the State budget to the Fund; and

13 (2) Any other money from any other source accepted for the benefit of the  
14 Fund.

15 (g) The Fund may be used only for the protection or restoration of State–owned  
16 or State–managed lakes by:

17 (1) Removing sediment;

18 (2) Treating contaminated sediment;

19 (3) Preventing the spread of invasive species;

20 (4) Improving ecological and recreational value; and

21 (5) Taking any other action the Department determines is necessary.

22 (h) (1) The State Treasurer shall invest the money of the Fund in the same  
23 manner as other State money may be invested.

24 (2) Any interest earnings of the Fund shall be credited to the Fund.

25 (i) Expenditures from the Fund may be made only in accordance with the State  
26 budget.

1 (j) Money expended from the Fund for the protection or restoration of  
2 State-owned or State-managed lakes is supplemental to and is not intended to take the  
3 place of funding that would otherwise be appropriated for the protection or restoration of  
4 State-owned or State-managed lakes.

5 (k) For fiscal year 2020 and each fiscal year thereafter, the Governor shall include  
6 in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$1,000,000 to the Fund.

7 **Chapter 698 of the Acts of 2018**

8 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
9 1, 2018. It shall remain effective for a period of [4] 9 years and, at the end of June 30,  
10 [2022] 2027, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be  
11 abrogated and of no further force and effect.

12 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
13 October 1, 2021.