

CHAPTER 63

(Senate Bill 811)

AN ACT concerning

Consolidated Land Preservation Act of 1990

FOR the purpose of establishing within the Department of Natural Resources the Land Trust Grant Fund to be administered by the Maryland Environmental Trust; specifying the purposes for which the Fund may be used; authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to adopt certain regulations; requiring the Maryland Environmental Trust to report annually on the Land Trust Grant Fund to the Governor, certain committees of the General Assembly, and the Department of Fiscal Services; allowing certain uses of State acquisition funds under Program Open Space; authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to enter into certain agreements to acquire property interests from a land trust ~~in~~ for the State, subject to approval by the Board of Public Works; establishing within the Department the Bay Access Areas Fund to be used to acquire sites that provide public access to a body of water; prohibiting the Department from making expenditures from certain funds until certain committees of the General Assembly have approved the release of the funds; altering the time period for periodic revision to a local recreation and parks master plan; requiring that certain Legislators be given an opportunity to comment on certain State acquisition projects; requiring the Department to provide certain Legislators an opportunity to review and comment on certain proposed local projects and certain revised local plans; requiring a local governing body to use part of its Program Open Space acquisition funds for a local advance option and purchase fund; authorizing a local governing body to use part of its Program Open Space funds for a local land trust grant fund; authorizing a local governing body to enter into certain agreements to acquire property interests from a land trust, subject to certain approvals; providing for reversion to the State of certain local Program Open Space funds if not encumbered within a certain time; altering the time period for periodic revisions to the State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation and Land Preservation Plan; requiring the plan to identify and recommend for State acquisition efforts certain areas to be targeted; requiring the Office of Planning to exercise authority as the head agency in coordinating the State's land preservation efforts; altering the required allocation in the State budget of certain transfer tax revenues; permitting the use of Special Fund revenues for salaries and related expenses necessary to administer Program Open Space; prohibiting certain false statements; imposing certain criminal penalties for certain violations; defining certain terms; requiring certain reports; generally relating to the Land Trust Grant Fund; making the provisions of this Act severable; generally relating to the Advance Option and Purchase Fund and the Bay Access Areas Fund; generally relating to certain required appropriations from certain transfer tax revenues; and generally relating to Program Open Space and land preservation.