

taken to modify or destroy the effectiveness of such natural protective barriers. These practices constitute serious threats to the safety of the adjacent lands and the ocean highway, and also to the value and therefore to the assessable basis of those adjacent lands; and they constitute a real danger to the health, safety, and welfare of the persons living, visiting or sojourning in such area. It therefore is deemed necessary to protect that area and especially the system of natural protective barrier dunes; now therefore

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That new Sections 6A to 6J, inclusive, be and they are hereby added to Article 24 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "Worcester County", to follow immediately after Section 6 thereof and to be under the new sub-title "Beach Protection", and all to read as follows:

Beach Protection

6A. *No person, firm or corporation shall dig, mine, strip, excavate, move or remove, relocate or carry away any sand, dirt, soil, stones, or gravel of any nature or description upon or away from that area in Worcester County, Maryland, lying between the Atlantic Ocean on the East and Assowoman Bay, Isle of Wight Bay, Sinepuxent Bay and Chincoteague Bay on the West, and between the Delaware State Line on the North and the Virginia State Line on the South, except in connection with the construction or alteration of a building or grading of the premises incidental thereto, or unless excess material exists on the premises above that required to bring the premises to the officially established grade in that area, which shall be established by the County Commissioners of Worcester County or an administrative department thereof, in which case the excess material may not be removed without first having secured a permit therefor from the County Commissioners of Worcester County. In areas where the grade has not been officially established, the grade shall be established for the purposes of this Section as a line running Westerly from the crest line of the protective barrier dune system established in Section 6B of this sub-title, at a crest elevation of plus 16.0 above mean low water on the East, then Westerly at such crest elevation for a distance of 25 feet, and then continuing Westerly in a slope to an elevation of plus 10.0 above mean low water at the Easterly edge of the ocean highway (generally referred to as the Coastal Highway), then with the contour of said ocean highway to the Westerly edge thereof, then continuing Westerly with a one percent grade to the waters of whichever bay may lie to the West of said area. Before digging, mining, stripping, excavating, moving or removing, relocating or carrying away any of said material where the elevation shall be less than the established grade, a permit therefor must be obtained from the County Commissioners of Worcester County.*

6B. *No person, firm or corporation shall in any manner dig, mine, strip, excavate, move or remove, relocate or carry away, or otherwise disturb, injure, destroy or reduce the effectiveness as a natural protection barrier of any sand dune, rise, hill, bluff or elevated section of land or beach in that area described in Section 6A of this sub-title, whether natural or created, which does or could form a part of the protective barrier dune system as shown on a profile plat of the State Roads Commission of Maryland, entitled "Beach, Dunes,*