

~~(7) Degree of financial hardship on property owner in providing non State share of cost of project.~~

~~(f) The Department of Chesapeake Bay Affairs within the limit of the funds specified in Section 758 of this Article shall contract for the construction of all projects in~~ BE GUIDED IN CONTRACTING FOR CONSTRUCTION OF ALL PROJECTS BY ~~the order of priority assigned to them by the Maryland Geological Survey.~~

758.

(a) The Department of Chesapeake Bay Affairs shall include annually in its operating budget from general funds a sum for shore erosion control projects not to exceed five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) to provide funds to pay for the State's share of the projects. The amount of State financial participation in ~~any~~ THE project shall ~~be~~ NOT EXCEED fifty percent (50%) of the total cost of ~~any~~ THAT project. THE STATE MAY PARTICIPATE FINANCIALLY IN ANY APPROVED PROJECT, WITHIN BUDGETARY LIMITATIONS, BY ANY ONE OF THE ALTERNATIVE METHODS ENUMERATED IN SECTION 758A OF THIS ARTICLE. ANY PROPERTY OWNER WHO APPLIES FOR STATE AID UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 757 OF THIS ARTICLE MAY INDICATE HIS PREFERENCE FOR STATE PARTICIPATION ACCORDING TO ONE OR ANOTHER OF THE ALTERNATE METHODS ENUMERATED IN SECTION 758A OF THIS ARTICLE; HOWEVER, THE DEPARTMENT OF CHESAPEAKE BAY AFFAIRS SHALL BE THE SOLE JUDGE OF WHICH SUCH ALTERNATIVE METHOD IS IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE STATE, AND SHALL MAKE FINAL DETERMINATION OF THE METHOD BY WHICH STATE AID SHALL BE GRANTED. FUNDS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS SUBTITLE DURING FISCAL YEAR 1970 SHALL BE LIMITED TO THOSE PROVIDED BY CHAPTER — OF THE ACTS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF 1969 (SENATE BILL NO. 402).

(b) ~~If in any fiscal year the total sum specified in subsection (a) of this section has not been committed for approved projects, any remaining amounts of this total sum may be committed for approved projects which meet all of the requirements of Sections 757 through 759~~ 758A, inclusive, of this Article but which are not located within either physiographic units or shore erosion control districts.

~~759~~ 758A.

~~(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 12(a) of Article 96A of this Code as amended from time to time, no permit shall be required from the Department of Water Resources for the construction of any State-aided shore erosion control project.~~

THE STATE MAY SHARE THE COST OF APPROVED APPROVED SHORE EROSION CONTROL PROJECTS BY ANY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING ALTERNATIVE METHODS:

(1) IF THE BENEFITED PROPERTY IS OWNED BY ANY POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE, THE STATE SHALL BEAR FIFTY PERCENT OF THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION COSTS OF THE PROJECT.