

sediment control program for the Patuxent River Watershed and enacting a sediment control program applicable statewide requiring review AND APPROVAL by the appropriate soil conservation district and IN SOME CASES BY THE Department of Natural Resources of PLANS FOR certain activities disturbing land; providing further for revising the shore erosion control program by eliminating the need for county commissioners to provide engineering services, transferring state responsibility for program from the Department of Chesapeake Bay Affairs to the Department of Natural Resources, authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to perform engineering and review activity related to the program, authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to engage in other activities relating to the shore erosion program, and in lieu of previous arrangements for funding control projects creating a Shore Erosion Control Construction Fund to provide loans for construction of projects; and relating generally to soil erosion and sediment deposits which affect the waters of this State.

Section 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Sections 91(a), 91(b), 91(c) and 102A of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition, 1967 Replacement Volume and 1969 Cumulative Supplement), title "Natural Resources," subtitle "Agriculture," subheading "Soil Conservation Districts," be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments, to read as follows:*

*State Soil Conservation Committee.*

**91(a).**

There is hereby established, in the [State Board of Agriculture and the Regents of the University of Maryland] *Department of Natural Resources*, to serve as an agency of the State and to perform the functions conferred upon it in this subheading and *elsewhere in the laws of the State of Maryland*, the State Soil Conservation Committee. The following shall serve as members of the Committee: *the Secretary of Natural Resources or his designee from the Department of Natural Resources who shall serve as chairman of the committee*, the Director of the Maryland Experiment Station, the Director of the Maryland Agricultural Extension Service, [the Director of the Maryland Department of State Forests and Parks], the chairman of the State Board of Agriculture, or other member of the Board he may designate, the dean of agriculture of the University of Maryland, [the Director of the Department of Game and Inland Fish, the Director of the Department of Water Resources, the Director of the Department of Chesapeake Bay Affairs] the Chairman of the Maryland State Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee, United States Department of Agriculture *who shall serve ex officio*, the president of the Maryland association of soil conservation districts, three soil conservation district supervisors representing different geographic areas of the State from soil conservation districts organized in Maryland according to the provisions of this subheading [,] to be appointed by the [State Board of Agriculture] *Secretary of Natural Resources*, *four other persons who may but need not be officers of the Department of Natural Resources to be appointed by the Secretary of Natural Resources*, and the principal administrative officer for Maryland of the Soil Conservation Service,