

nually. Any assessment of real property existing as of June 1, 1929, or thereafter made, shall continue in force from year to year until changed pursuant to the provisions of this article.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That except as otherwise provided herein, this Act shall take effect July 1, 1971.

Approved May 24, 1971.

CHAPTER 749

(House Bill 1303)

AN ACT to add new Sections 763 through 765, inclusive, to Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1970 Replacement Volume), title "Natural Resources," to follow immediately after Section 762 thereof and to be under the ~~new~~ subtitle "Scenic Rivers," to create a scenic rivers program, to designate the initial components of the State Scenic River System, to direct the Secretary of Natural Resources to formulate and implement a program carrying out the purposes of this Act, TO PROHIBIT CERTAIN ACTIVITY WITH RESPECT TO SCENIC RIVERS WITHOUT A PERMIT, TO PROVIDE THAT SCENIC ASPECTS OF A RIVER BE CONSIDERED PRIOR TO APPROVAL OF USE OR DEVELOPMENT PLANS, and requiring all State agencies to recognize the intent of the Scenic Rivers Program.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That new Sections 763 through 765, inclusive, be and they are hereby added to Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1970 Replacement Volume), title "Natural Resources," subtitle "Scenic Rivers," to follow immediately after Section 762 thereof and to read as follows:

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SCENIC RIVERS

(A) *As provided for in this Act, the General Assembly herein creates a scenic rivers program. The following rivers, including their tributaries, are the initial components of the State Scenic Rivers System: Patuxent, Pocomoke, Severn, Wicomico (Charles County) and Youghiogheny.*

(B) **IN ALL PLANNING FOR THE USE AND DEVELOPMENT OF WATER AND RELATED LAND RESOURCES, INCLUDING THE CONSTRUCTION OF IMPROVEMENTS, DIVERSIONS, ROADWAYS, CROSSINGS, CHANNELIZATION, LOCKS, CANALS OR OTHER USES WHICH CHANGE THE CHARACTER OF A RIVER OR WATERWAY, OR DESTROY ITS SCENIC VALUE, FULL CONSIDERATION AND EVALUATION OF THE RIVER AS A SCENIC RESOURCE SHALL BE GIVEN BEFORE SPECIFIC PLANS FOR USE OR DEVELOPMENT ARE APPROVED.**

(C) **NO DAM OR OTHER STRUCTURE IMPEDING THE NATURAL FLOW OF A SCENIC RIVER SHALL BE CON-**