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(b) The department may not lease any of the submerged areas of the state [in Dorchester,] WITHIN THE [[COUNTY WATERS OF]] JURISDICTIONAL BOUNDARIES OF DORCHESTER, Kent, Queen Anne's, Somerset and Talbot counties [[OR WITHIN THE JURISDICTIONAL BOUNDARIES OF DORCHESTER COUNTY]] for oyster cultivation. The department also may not lease any of the submerged areas of the state in the tidewater tributaries of Charles County, except the Patuxent River, for oyster cultivation. This subsection does not affect any existing lease in Somerset County made prior to and effective on June 1, 1952; any lease in Dorchester County made prior to and effective on June 1, 1957; in Charles County made prior to and effective on July 1, 1968 and in Kent, Queen Anne's and Talbot counties made prior to July 1, 1973. This subsection also does not prevent any lessee from renewing, assigning, devising by will or prohibit the descendents of any lessee, his heirs, or next of kin, from inheriting rights by the operation of the laws of descent and distribution. If an existing lease does not provide for renewal, the department may grant renewal when the lease terminates unless good cause to the contrary is shown. However, a person may not lease more acreage than now authorized by law regardless of the manner in which the lease or the rights under the lease are obtained.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1975.

Approved April 22, 1975.

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CHAPTER 380

(Senate Bill 992)

AN ACT concerning

Kent County - Urban Renewal in Chestertown

FOR the purpose of authorizing the municipal corporation of Chestertown in Kent County to undertake by appropriate legislative action an urban renewal and redevelopment program; defining certain terms; specifying certain powers of Chestertown with regard to urban renewal projects; establishing an urban renewal agency; providing for the preparation and