

alteration, reconstruction, moving and demolition of such structures, their appurtenances and environmental settings within their respective limits. Hereafter in this subtitle such counties and municipal corporations are referred to as "county" or "counties" or "municipal corporation" as the case may be. The word "structure" as used in this subtitle means a combination of material to form a construction that is stable; including among other things, buildings, stadiums, reviewing stands, platforms, stages, [observations] OBSERVATION towers, radio towers, water tanks and towers, trestles, piers, paving, bulkheads, wharves, sheds, coal bins, shelters, fences and display signs; the term "structure" shall also include natural land formations; the term "structure" shall be construed as if followed by the words "or part thereof." The words "appurtenances and environmental settings" shall include, but not be limited to walkways and driveways (whether paved or not), trees, landscaping, and rocks. Where hereafter used in this subtitle the word "structure" shall be determined to include the words "appurtenances and environmental settings."

SECTION ~~[[3]]~~ 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That any ordinance or local law in effect prior to the effective date of this Act, creating and empowering a historic district commission or similar body, by whatever name known, shall continue in effect and be deemed valid for all purposes according to its terms, and nothing in this Act shall have the effect of invalidating any act or proceedings of any historic district commission or similar body, by whatever name known, completed or commenced prior to the effective date hereof.

SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That insofar as the provisions of this Act may be inconsistent with or contrary to the provisions of the Maryland-Washington Regional District Act, as enacted by Chapter 780 of the Acts of 1959 and any amendments thereto, the provisions of this Act shall have no application so long as such District Act is in force and effect and nothing contained herein shall be deemed or construed to affect the validity, or operative effect, of said Chapter 780 of the Acts of 1959 as amended, which established city and regional planning in Montgomery and Prince George's counties within the limits of the Maryland-Washington Regional District as said district is now or shall hereafter be defined by law.

SECTION ~~[[4]]~~ 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1975.

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