

(1974 Volume and 1974 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article - Natural Resources
Section 8-1105.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1974 Volume and 1974 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That ~~[[Sections 8-1101 and 8-1105]]~~ Section 8-1101 of Article - Natural Resources, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1974 Volume and 1974 Supplement) be and ~~[[they are]]~~ it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article - Natural Resources

8-1101.

The General Assembly determines and finds that lands and waters comprising the watersheds of the State are great natural assets and resources. As a result of erosion and sediment deposit on lands and in waters within the watersheds of the State, these waters are being polluted and despoiled to such a degree that fish, marine life, and recreational use of the waters are being affected adversely. IN ADDITION THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS AND DECLARES THAT LAND MOVEMENT AND DISTURBANCE ACTIVITIES ON ATLANTIC COAST BEACHES EAST OF ~~[[THE DUNES]]~~ CERTAIN NATURAL AND PHYSICAL CONTOURS AND ELEVATIONS OF THE BEACH ENDANGERS THE INTEGRITY AND CONTINUITY OF THE ~~[[DUNE]]~~ BEACH SYSTEM WHICH INCLUDES A DUNAL SYSTEM, PREVENTS ADEQUATE MAINTENANCE, SHORE EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL, AND STORM PROTECTION OF THESE AND ADJACENT AREAS, AND RESULTS IN THE IMPOSITION OF ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL BURDENS ON THE CITIZENS OF THE STATE. To protect the natural resources of the State, the Secretary shall adopt criteria and procedures for the counties and the local soil conservation districts to implement soil and shore erosion control programs. These procedures may provide for Departmental review and approval of major grading, sediment, and erosion control plans.

[[8-1105.

(a) The provisions of § 8-1104 do not apply to any State unit. If a State unit undertakes any land clearing, soil movement, or construction activity, the Department shall review and approve this action.