

declaratory and equitable relief for the protection of the air, water, and other natural resources of the State of Maryland; delineating the rights and duties of persons involved in the actions, including the Attorney General and the appropriate agencies and officials of the State of Maryland and of its political subdivisions; broadening the concept of "standing to sue" in environmental litigation; and generally relating to the subject of court actions and administrative actions involving environmental protection.

BY adding to

Article - Natural Resources

Section 1-501 through 1-508 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 5. Environmental Standing Act"

Annotated Code of Maryland
(1974 Volume and 1977 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article - Natural Resources

SUBTITLE 5. ENVIRONMENTAL STANDING ACT

1-501. DEFINITIONS.

(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE, THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

~~(B) "PERSON" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL, PARTNERSHIP, CORPORATION, ASSOCIATION, ORGANIZATION, OR OTHER LEGAL ENTITY RESIDING IN OR DOING BUSINESS IN THE STATE.~~

(B) "PERSON" MEANS ANY INDIVIDUAL-CITIZEN RESIDENT OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, ANY CORPORATION INCORPORATED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, OR ANY PARTNERSHIP, ORGANIZATION, ASSOCIATION, OR LEGAL ENTITY DOING BUSINESS IN THE STATE.

(C) "POLITICAL SUBDIVISION" MEANS A COUNTY, THE CITY OF EALTIMCRE, A MULTI-COUNTY AGENCY, MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, SINGLE PURPOSE DISTRICT, AND SOIL CONSERVATION OR SANITARY DISTRICT.

1-502. DECLARATION OF LEGISLATIVE POLICY AND INTENT.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS AND DECLARES THAT THE NATURAL RESOURCES AND THE SCENIC BEAUTY OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND ARE IN DANGER OF IRREPARABLE HARM OCCASIONED BY ~~HUMAN~~ MAN'S THE USE AND EXPLICITATION OF THE PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT. IT FURTHER FINDS THAT IMPROPER USE AND EXPLOITATION CONSTITUTE AN INVASION OF THE RIGHT OF EVERY CITIZEN