

WHEREAS, Utilization of the resources of the Bay, including, but not limited to, management and regulatory programs for migratory fowl finfish, shellfish and implementation of methods to achieve compatible usage of the Bay for commercial and mercantile interests and all actions which affect changes in water quality, substantially involve the joint interests of the State and the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, By mutual resolution, the legislatures of Virginia and Maryland established the Chesapeake Bay Legislative Advisory Commission which was charged with reviewing bistate and federal Chesapeake Bay management practices; and

WHEREAS, The Chesapeake Bay Legislative Advisory Commission has identified, in its final report to the State and the Commonwealth, the need for improved coordination of Bay-wide management to meet the long-term needs of the people of both Maryland and Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Effective cooperation in and coordination of Bay management has been stressed by the Commission, and reports by citizen groups, the participants in the Bistate Conference on the Chesapeake Bay, and many other analyses directed toward optimal long-term balance in the management of the Chesapeake Bay; and

WHEREAS, The State and the Commonwealth share the primary responsibility for the management of the Bay and activities affecting it; and

WHEREAS, The Commission has found that the provisions of this Agreement would enhance the ability of the respective state legislatures to evaluate and respond to problems of Bay-wide concern; now, therefore,

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 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows: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

CHESAPEAKE BAY COMMISSION
ARTICLE I
MEMBERSHIP AND ORGANIZATION.

8-302.

1. COMMISSION CREATED.

THE CHESAPEAKE BAY COMMISSION, HEREINAFTER DESIGNATED AS "COMMISSION", IS HEREBY CREATED.

2. MEMBERS.