

~~WHEREAS, Published evaluation procedures for permits and licenses would provide for a more predictable decision making process, and~~

WHEREAS, Local governments, in development of their comprehensive plans are attempting to prevent haphazard development by concentrating growth in urban areas; and

WHEREAS, ~~About 1,400 acres, from an inventory of approximately 265,000 acres of wetlands, lie within the corporate city limits of 43 municipalities~~ The City of Crisfield has within its municipal limits 65 acres of wetlands; and

WHEREAS, The City of Crisfield is in need of economic revitalization; and

WHEREAS, It is in the interests of the State to provide for revitalization of shorefront areas which have fallen into disuse or disrepair; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Department of Natural Resources be requested to develop regulations or guidelines governing ~~its responsibilities under the Wetlands Act~~ the application of the Wetlands Act to the City of Crisfield under Section 9-302(a) of the Natural Resources Article; and be it further

~~RESOLVED, That such regulations shall specify procedures by which permit decisions are made and by which license applications are evaluated, and be it further~~

RESOLVED, That such regulations shall include special provisions for balancing economic development and environmental protection goals in the evaluation of permit or license applications regarding development within the corporate limits of ~~cities~~ Crisfield; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Department of Natural Resources is to seek agreement with federal agencies which have overlapping responsibilities on criteria which should be used in evaluation of proposed developments in ~~municipalities~~ Crisfield; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Department shall submit draft regulations to the Committee on Administrative, Executive, and Legislative Review no later than ~~August 17, 1981~~ January 1, 1982.

Signed May 12, 1981.

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