

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1983.

Approved May 31, 1983.

CHAPTER 569

(House Bill 351)

AN ACT concerning

Comprehensive Flood Management Grant Program

FOR the purpose of providing that the entire costs of watershed studies may be paid from State grants and requiring certain local funding of at least a certain portion of the cost of flood control and watershed management capital projects; authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$3,500,000, the proceeds to be used to fund the comprehensive flood management grant program; and generally providing for the issue and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Natural Resources
Section 8-9A-03(b) and (h)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1974 Volume and 1982 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Natural Resources

8-9A-03.

(b) [By July 1, 1983, the] THE Department, in cooperation with the subdivisions and the Departments of State Planning and Agriculture, shall conduct studies of the watersheds designated pursuant to subsection (a) which shall define at least (1) the existing magnitude and frequency of flood events, (2) the magnitude and frequency of flood events based on planned development, and (3) alternative management techniques according to their effectiveness in controlling floods and minimizing flood damage. The studies shall address at least the 100-year flood event. By mutual agreement, the Department may delegate the responsibility for carrying out all or part of the studies of priority watersheds to the appropriate subdivisions.

(h) There is a comprehensive flood management grant program within the Department of Natural Resources.