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Senate Bill 751, which was passed by the General Assembly and allowed to go into effect without my signature, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 1126.

Very truly yours,
Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.
Governor

House Bill No. 1126

AN ACT concerning

Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Critical Area Protection Program - Critical Area Commission - Authority

FOR the purpose of clarifying the authority of the Critical Area Commission and the chairman regarding program amendments and program refinements; altering the guidelines for local jurisdictions for the location of new intensely developed and limited development areas; altering the Commission's approval process for program amendments and program refinements; clarifying the procedures for growth allocation requests by local jurisdictions; clarifying certain terms; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the authority of the Commission and the Chairman of the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Critical Area Protection Program.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Natural Resources

Section 8-1802(a), 8-1808.1(c), and 8-1809(o), (p), and (q)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2000 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

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

Article - Natural Resources

8-1802.

(a) (1) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) "Atlantic Coastal Bays" means the Assawoman, Isle of Wight, Sinepuxent, Newport, and Chincoteague Bays.

(3) "Atlantic Coastal Bays Critical Area" means the initial planning area identified under § 8-1807 of this subtitle.