

CHAPTER 793

(Senate Bill 663)

AN ACT concerning

Environmental Protection - Chesapeake Bay -
Drainage of Agricultural Lands

FOR the purpose of protecting the Chesapeake Bay and other waters of the State from pollution by requiring that a public drainage association intending to drain certain lands obtain approval from the Secretary of Agriculture of construction and operation and maintenance plans before initiating construction; requiring the Secretary of Agriculture to establish certain criteria; defining design, construction, operation, and maintenance practices for agricultural drainage projects; exempting agricultural drainage systems from a certain permit issued by the Department of Natural Resources provided that construction and operation and maintenance plans have been approved by the Secretary of Agriculture; authorizing the joint promulgation of certain rules and regulations by the Secretaries of Agriculture, Health and Mental Hygiene, and Natural Resources; establishing certain administrative procedures; providing certain procedures for enforcement of this Act by those Secretaries ~~and specifying the availability of certain other legal remedies to the State~~; authorizing civil penalties imposed under this Act to be placed in a special fund to be used for certain purposes; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the establishment of pollution controls through approval of plans for the construction, operation, and maintenance of certain agricultural drainage projects.

BY adding to

Article - Agriculture
Section 8-603
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1974 Volume and 1983 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Natural Resources
Section 8-803(f) and (g)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1983 Replacement Volume and 1983 Supplement)