

WHEREAS, Studies completed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Corps of Engineers, and others have emphasized the importance of the drainage system of the lower Susquehanna River to the health and welfare of the Chesapeake Bay; and

WHEREAS, The need for effective cooperation and coordination of Bay management among the states of Virginia, Maryland, and Pennsylvania has been stressed by participants in the 1983 Chesapeake Bay Conference; now, therefore,

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

Article - Natural Resources

8-302.

Chesapeake Bay Commission AGREEMENT

Article I

Membership and Organization

[1.] SECTION 101. Commission created.--

The Chesapeake Bay Commission, hereinafter designated as "Commission", is hereby created.

[2.] SECTION 102. Members.--

The Commission shall consist of [fourteen] 21 members, [seven] 7 from Virginia, [and seven] 7 from Maryland, AND 7 FROM PENNSYLVANIA. In each state, [five] 5 of the members shall be members of the General Assembly. In Maryland, [two] 2 Senators designated by the President of the Senate and [three] 3 Delegates designated by the Speaker of the House shall serve as members. The Governor of Maryland or his designee shall serve as a member. In addition, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Delegates shall jointly select one Maryland member who is not a legislator or an employee of the executive branch. In Virginia, [two] 2 Senators designated by the Committee on Privileges and Elections and [three] 3 Delegates designated by the Speaker of the House of Delegates shall serve as members. The Governor of Virginia or his designee shall serve as a member. In addition, the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections and the Speaker of the House of Delegates shall jointly select one Virginia member who is not a legislator or an employee of the executive branch. IN PENNSYLVANIA, 2 SENATORS DESIGNATED BY THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE AND 3 REPRESENTATIVES DESIGNATED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES SHALL SERVE AS MEMBERS. THE GOVERNOR OF PENNSYLVANIA OR HIS DESIGNEE SHALL SERVE AS A MEMBER. IN ADDITION, THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE