

interpreted to have any effect upon or application to any case filed prior to the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1985.

Approved May 28, 1985.

CHAPTER 500

(Senate Bill 744)

AN ACT concerning

Historic Preservation - Maryland Historical Trust

FOR the purpose of comprehensively revising and strengthening certain of the laws in this State; providing that the Maryland Historical Trust shall advise and assist units of government and the private sector in protecting, preserving, and enhancing historical properties; requiring the Trust to compile a Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties and a Maryland Register of Historic Properties; requiring units of State government to consult the Trust to determine if certain proposed capital projects adversely affect any property listed on or eligible for the Maryland Register of Historic Properties; requiring the Trust to investigate and evaluate certain applications and projects by a certain date or period of time and requiring certain reports regarding the investigations and evaluations; creating the Historic Marker Program Fund; providing for the purpose, composition, and administration of the Fund; authorizing the Trust to spend money from the Fund for certain purposes relating to historic markers at sites of statewide historical significance; requiring the Trust to approve certain provisions of the historic markers under certain circumstances; providing the Director of the Trust may consult with units of State government to develop alternative plans to avoid, mitigate, or satisfactorily reduce determined adverse effects; establishing an Advisory Council on Historic Properties to help resolve certain disputes; requiring State units to identify properties owned or controlled by the unit that may be eligible for the Maryland Register of Historic Properties; requiring State units to take certain steps to ensure that historic properties are not inadvertently destroyed or substantially altered; requiring that before selling or conveying certain property the Trust shall provide local government and certain nonprofit organizations an opportunity to acquire the property under certain circumstances; providing, subject to certain standards, that historic buildings shall be used